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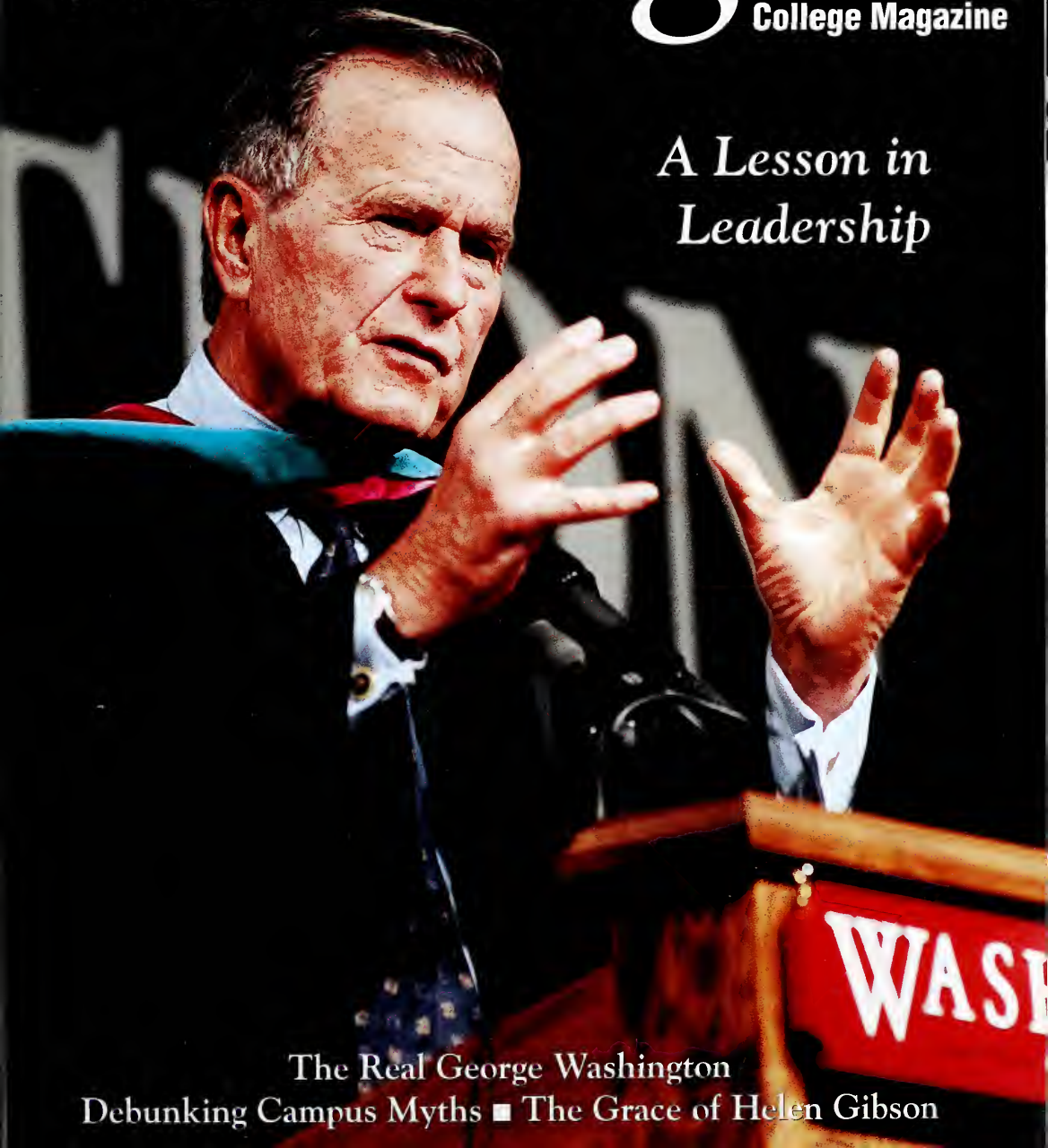

A Lesson in Leadership

The Real George Washington

Debunking Campus Myths ■ The Grace of Helen Gibson

Yes, To George And Washington College, A Toast

This has been an exciting semester in the long life of Washington College. To commemorate the bicentennial of our founding patron's death, we have offered tribute in many forms and on many occasions which you will read about in the following pages.

Among the most memorable scenes in our collective psyche will be the bunting-draped Winter Convocation stage where three luminaries made Washington College history by their very presence: Former President George Bush, appearing far more relaxed than he ever did during the tumult of his White House days, Barbara Bush, whose grace and wit lived up to the reputation she established during her tenure as First Lady, and Dr. James Watson, the Nobel Laureate who, with his colleague Francis Crick, discovered the double-helix structure of DNA. All three exemplify characteristics of leadership on a scale that would have matched the stature of say, George Washington, during his day.

A smaller and far less historic tribute took shape when the College Relations Office joined forces with the Office of Alumni Affairs to issue a press release inviting all alumni to raise a glass in a public toast to George Washington on his birthday. The invitation stated that Washington College would buy one drink toward this celebration of our unique connection to the father of our country. Alumni director Trams Hollingsworth is quoted, "Of course we'd be delighted to buy our alumni a fancy coffee, milkshake or fruit smoothie for Washington's Birthday. Especially if they find themselves driving to the celebration. Should they choose to enjoy a second beer or glass of wine, we hope they will find a designated driver who graduated from a college that does not yet have its own national holiday."

We hoped the extravagance of the offer would attract media attention and thereby let Washington College shine in one brief glimmer of public awareness of our historic connection to the birth of the nation.

Boy, were we surprised. Associated Press picked up the story for its national wire. Baltimore television ran a light-hearted announcement on the evening news and Dan Rodricks of *The* (Baltimore) *Sun* hailed the "toast heard 'round the world" to open his Washington's Birthday column. The (Easton, MD) *Star-Democrat* trumpeted the toast on the front page—above the fold—of their Sunday edition. Alumni phoned and e-mailed from Mississippi, Boston and Texas to say they had seen a notice in local papers. ABCNews.com reiterated the word to their subscribers—the invitation had officially gone "international."

The mail that trickled in following Washington's Birthday brought more surprises. Though a few alumni enclosed receipts, most requested that they not be reimbursed. Others included donations to cover what they imagined would be the cost of the toast. They just wanted to share their experiences with us. A member of the Class of '48 and his wife had raised Dr. Peppers to George over dinner out.

"Because today, the 22nd, is a long workday and night, I only managed a toast with a cup of coffee," one alumna wrote. "I'm sending what I might have spent to George for a little birthday remembrance. Cheers."

It seems that some of the only-6,000 living alumni of Washington College, far-flung, scattered and often isolated by states or continents from those with common memories, were just plain grateful to feel a part of something that tied them to a tiny college in Chestertown, Maryland, and to the history of the greatest country in the world.

Closer to home, we attracted attention of a different sort. Some criticized the invitation, saying the offer sent mixed messages about Washington College's stance on the use and abuse of alcohol. Members of the Student Government Association discussed "the toast" at length and passed a resolution censuring it. The *Elm* reported widely varying student opinion and ongoing controversy.

Though we never meant to spark this kind of debate, we can only acknowledge that alcohol issues are so important that they need to, and should, surface in discussions on ours and every campus. If they lead to productive and meaningful change, Washington College will have profited well beyond the release's original intentions.

Still, it's distressing to learn that a birthday message can be misconstrued. What is the nature of a toast, after all? A toast is supposed to reflect what's in your heart, not what's in your glass. So please raise your glass or cup or mug, and maybe your pen—or just your spirits—when you think of Washington College. Get in the habit. There is so much to celebrate!

—MDH

Corrections

The poem accompanying the "Experiencing the English Lyric" article in the Winter issue was composed by Tyler Barrell, not Colleen Moore. We apologize for the error.

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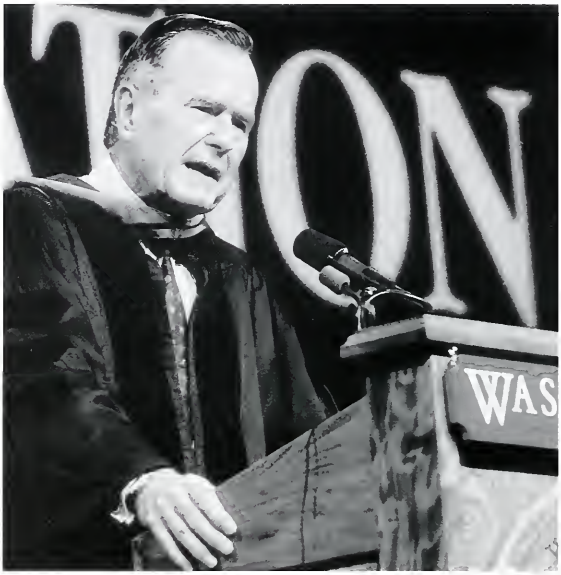

PHOTO: JIM GRAHAM '81

More than 1,500 people filled Cain Gymnasium to see President George Bush, his wife Barbara, and Dr. James Watson receive honorary degrees at Winter Convocation.

Winter Convocation 1999 had all the trappings of a presidential event: a military band and patriotic bunting, tight security, lots of media coverage, and the excitement of a crowd of 1,500 ticket-holders anticipating a momentous and historic occasion for Washington College.

George Bush, 41st president of the United States, was on hand to help Washington College launch its year-long celebration of the life of George Washington, the College's founding patron. Marking the 200th anniversary of the death of the first president, it was the first time in more than 40 years that an American president had visited campus.

Ironically, President Bush's own inauguration 10 years ago fell on the bicentennial of Washington's inaugural. He quipped that even though it is "an honor to follow in Washington's great footsteps to receive this degree," he had no intention of following in Washington's footsteps by dying, just yet.

Augmenting the star power on stage were Bush's wife Barbara, who received the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree in recognition of her work as an advocate of family literacy, and Nobel Laureate Dr. James Watson, who as co-discoverer of the double helix structure of DNA is considered one of the most important and influential scientists alive today. Dr. Watson received the honorary Doctor of Science degree.

"...as the sole remaining superpower, we have an obligation to help shape a more peaceful world in which freedom, democracy, and free markets are the norm."

President Bush received the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree in recognition of his leadership in the global arena and his role in preserving world peace during his years in the White House.

George Bush's talk was remarkable as much for what he left unsaid about the current American leadership as for what he did say about the United States' role as a global leader in the post-Cold War era. As Congress was conducting the impeachment trial of Bill Clinton in Washington, Bush refused to criticize the president's personal actions or his policies. In response to a student question asking when a president should be impeached, he would only say that members of Congress should let the Constitution be their guide, and that former presidents shouldn't interfere.

In fact, he said the only politics that interest him now are the politics of his two sons, Jeb and George W., who are serving as governors of Florida and Texas, respectively. "I can honestly say that, after all the high-level positions I've been privileged to hold, the three most important are the only three I have left—as a husband, a father, and a granddad."

He appeared relaxed and at ease before the crowd as he articulated a message about the importance of strong American leadership abroad in ensuring a peaceful future. The world is a different place from the one he dealt with as president, he acknowledged, but with the victory in the Cold War came a new debate about American intervention abroad and a new set of problems.

"Ten years ago, our ability to lead was measured by how we responded to events rap-

idly unfolding in Central and Eastern Europe, where people were making their stand for freedom. We were gauged by how we interacted with the charismatic Soviet leader, Gorbachev, and how we responded to his bid to reform the Soviet system. Today the story is in Asia, and the priority issues seem to center on economics. The currency crisis, China, Jian Zemin—these are the new issues, and countries, and names that dominate our attention."

Although there is no single perceived "enemy" since the demise of the former Soviet Union, he said, the United States has a responsibility to take the lead "with principle and clarity" against today's global threats. The geopolitical enemies of the day, according to Bush, are instability and unpredictability, as well as international terrorism, religious fanaticism, weapons proliferation, and the international drug trade.

"Only the United States has the capability and the moral standing to address these issues on a global scale," Bush said. "That doesn't mean we want or need to be the world's policeman. What it does mean is that, as the sole remaining superpower, we have an obligation to help shape a more peaceful world in which freedom, democracy, and free markets are the norm. If we don't do it, no one else can."

Those who would have the United States "stay engaged in the world, do the hard work of diplomacy, and continue to champion the cause of freedom around the world" are being challenged by what Bush called "an unsavory coalition comprising extreme elements of the Left and the Right" who want the federal government to focus primarily on domestic problems. According to Bush, the "America First" agenda puts the country at a disadvantage in fostering trade and promoting regional stability, and hurts the nation's credibility in the international arena.

"To me, there is no choice about what our role should be. We should stay engaged in global affairs, work with our allies, and set a clear direction as to the kind of world we want to live in. ... Teddy Roosevelt, another one of my heroes, once said: 'Much has been given to us, and much is rightly expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves, and we can shirk neither.'"

Bush urged the students in the audience to get involved in the political system, to recognize public service as a noble calling, and "most of all, remember that character does matter."

(Below) Barbara Bush remarked her father would have been proud to see her share the stage with Nobel scientist James Watson.

PHOTO: JIM GRAHAM '81

Watson Shares DNA Story

The discovery nearly 50 years ago of the double helix structure of DNA—setting the stage for revolutionary advances in molecular biology and genetic research—has been hailed as the greatest achievement of the 20th century. Yet to hear Dr. James Watson tell the story, as he did to a crowd of students and admirers meeting during an organic chemistry class in late January, luck was a real factor. Luck and perseverance.

"The problem was solved by a chemically illiterate zoologist and a chemically illiterate physicist," Watson said in reference to himself and his friend Francis Crick. "If we had been chemists in Cambridge in 1951, we should have had the answer six weeks later."

Instead, the two followed a hit-and-miss trail in conceptualizing the three-dimensional structure of molecules bonded with hydrogen, having two complementary chains. "When we were obviously wrong, like when we put hydrogen in the wrong place, we would listen. It pays to share your ideas and not keep data to yourselves," he told students. "I never worried about [others using my data] because I was dominated by the answer. Now I'm listed as one of the great chemists of the century, and it's a huge joke because I never took an organic chemistry class."

The high-level intellectual capability of Watson was not lost on the audience, however, as he recounted his scientific forays into the realm of protein synthesis,

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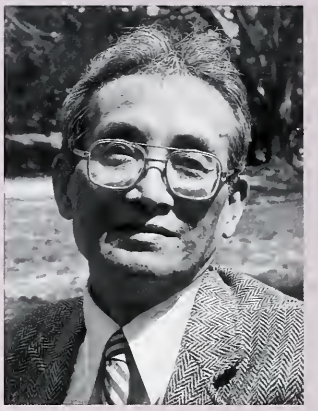


Tai Sung An
1931-1998

Tai Sung An, a distinguished professor of political science, a leading authority on contemporary political affairs in Asia, and a prolific scholar and writer, died on December 16, 1998, after a long illness. He was 67.

"The Washington College community has suffered a tremendous loss with the death of Tom An," remarked College President John S. Toll. "He devoted his entire career to teaching and to advancing the reputation of Washington College through his scholarly work. He represented the best of all that we strive to be as teachers, scholars, citizens, family, and friends."

In recent years, Dr. An served as a chief adviser on the political situation in North and South Korea when Jeremy Stone, long-time president of the Federation of American Scientists, was working to end the confrontation created by the North Korean development towards nuclear weapons. "Professor An was an honorable and great scholar. And his work was of great help to the Federation," Dr. Stone remarked.

A native of Seoul, South Korea, Dr. An came to Washington College in 1963 as assistant professor of political science. He was instrumental in establishing the department of political science and international studies there in 1968, and served for many years as the department's first chair. He was honored as the recipient of the College's Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1971, and was named the first Everett E. Nuttle Professor of Political Science in 1973. Dr. An was presented with the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award in 1990. After seeing to completion the publication of two volumes on the Vietnam War, representing 15 years' work, he retired from teaching last May.

Dr. An was well-respected among his students for his clear insight and analysis, his dedication to scholarship and his high standards for effective writing. George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, one of the best graduate schools in the country, recently applauded Dr. An for so thoroughly preparing some of its best applicants.

Outside the classroom, Dr. An devoted considerable time and energies to his own writing, producing eight books and more than 120 articles during the course of his teaching career at Washington College. He focused his scholarly attention primarily on China, North and South Korea, Vietnam, and Cambodia. *Foreign Affairs*, the most prestigious and widely circulated quarterly journal on world affairs in the U.S., commented that his 1983 book, *North Korea in Transition: From Dictatorship to Dynasty*, was "one of the most carefully researched and thoughtful accounts of political life in North Korea yet written." Dr. An was at work at the time of his death on a sequel that focuses on the current political situation in North Korea. His essays appeared in distinguished world affairs journals as well as on the op-ed pages of major newspapers such as *The New York Times* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Dr. An began his studies at the Law College of Seoul National University in 1949. He received his B.A. in political science from Indiana University at Bloomington, his M.A. in international relations from Yale University, and his Ph.D. in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Sihn Ja, and two daughters—Jenny, who graduated from Washington College in 1996, and Grace, a doctoral student of French literature at Cornell University.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Tai Sung An Fund at Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.

messenger RNA, and gene isolation, all leading to questions about the origin of life, the state of consciousness, and ethical dilemmas posed by genetic science. He and Crick often disagreed.

"I don't see anything wrong with genetically engineering children," he declared. "As a species we've worked hard to improve things. If we could be healthier, if our memories could be improved, if we could be engineered so as not to have to worry about HIV infection, then by all means we should go for it. Some people say we shouldn't coach our children for the SATs, but it works—it got my son into Brown. I'm an optimist. I believe that we're a social species, that we want each other to succeed, and that love is a more important emotion than hatred."

He recalled the opposition he encountered when he wanted to conduct recombinant DNA experiments at Harvard. "People worried about the potential for harm; they were afraid we would be creating pathogens, or infectious bacteria, that would make people sick. I could see only the positive advantages to this research—we wanted to fight cancer."

While he acknowledged that genetic science could be used as a means of discrimination and that genetic mapping of children at birth is probably not a good idea, he said the potential for good is greater than the potential for misuse. "We should make it very difficult for someone to look at our DNA," Watson commented, "but the real enemy is not DNA discrimination. The real enemy is muscular dystrophy."

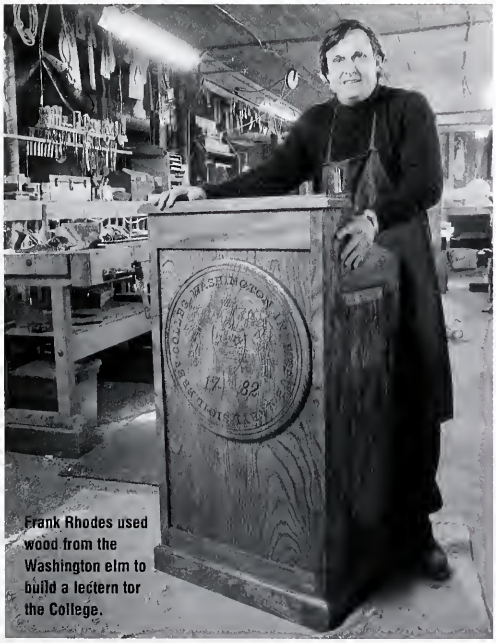
Alumnus Crafts Lectern From WC Elm

George and Barbara Bush and Dr. James Watson were the first guests to use Washington College's new podium—a wooden lectern literally carved out of one of the College's most cherished traditions.

Frank B. Rhodes Jr., a talented Chestertown cabinetmaker and a 1982 graduate of the College, built the podium with wood from the fallen Washington College Elm. That tree, a sapling planted in 1928 that grew into the signature landmark on campus, died from disease 10 years ago. The Washington College Elm was a descendant of the tree under which George Washington took command of the Continental Army. The College gave Rhodes the wood from the tree with his promise to make something out of it for the school.

The result is a five-foot-tall wooden podium with the College seal carved on the front. With the Bush addresses, the podium made a national debut, appearing on C-SPAN and television broadcasts as far away as Texas.

Rhodes later confessed he was nervous from his seat in the Cain Gym during Convocation, afraid something might fall apart on the podium's debut. It was a silly fear—the sturdy podium was put together too well for much to give way—but one that must have been somewhat relieved by Barbara Bush. In her speech, she assured her audience, "Because this is a new podium, I'm going to go easy on it."



Frank Rhodes used wood from the Washington elm to build a lectern tor the College.

PHOTO: GIBSON B. ANTHONY

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin recounted the characteristics that make a president great.

PHOTO GIBSON B. ANTHONY

Goodwin's Presidents Are Larger Than Life

Doris Kearns Goodwin offered a walking tour of presidential history on Washington's Birthday at Washington College, enchanting a packed Casey Academic Forum with anecdotes and personal glimpses of Washington, Lincoln, FDR, Lyndon Johnson and Clinton.

The presidential scholar and top-tier national commentator wove a tapestry of presidential personalities during her lecture, connecting three centuries' worth of chief executives by the way each of them chose to fill the role of president.

George Washington's regal bearing brought instant gravitas to the fledgling office of president; Abraham Lincoln's soulfulness coaxed a weary nation through war; Franklin Roosevelt's irrepressible optimism led the United States through its darkest hours; Lyndon Johnson's bawdy charm armtwisted civil rights legislation out of a skeptical Congress.

Throughout her talk, Goodwin presented the presidents as people—not average Joes by any means, but extraordinary characters with larger-than-life personalities.

"The president must be above politics yet intensely political," Goodwin told the 300-plus spectators who squeezed into the Forum and lined up three-head deep outside to peek at the speech, which was also covered by C-SPAN. "Only the great presidents have been able to hold within themselves those contradictory demands."

As a doctoral student, Goodwin was picked as a White House fellow in 1968 (she was basically a 24-year-old White House intern, she confessed with a laugh) then followed President Johnson when he retired to his Texas ranch. There the young Doris Kearns became a confidante of LBJ and helped him write his memoirs, eventually translating that experience into a lifetime career of studying the presidency.

She has written books on Johnson and FDR, and is in the process of writing one on Lincoln. Most people probably know her, though, for her role as a political commentator, offering analysis of the Lewinsky scandal and the impeachment of Presi-

dent Clinton. (She was on "Meet the Press" the day before her Washington College appearance.)

"I felt sad this was the historic moment I was present for," Goodwin said of the impeachment. "As a historian, you dream about being present when Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation."

$1.9 Million Hodson Trust Gift Supports Scholarships

The Hodson Trust, established 78 years ago to support higher education in Maryland, recently awarded Washington College $1.9 million for student scholarships.

The gift, one of the largest since The Hodson Trust was founded in 1920, was part of the $6.7 million the Trust gave to four private colleges in Maryland this year.

Since 1920, The Hodson Trust has given more than $84 million to fund academic merit scholarships as well as research grants, technology improvements, building construction, library expansion, athletic programs, faculty salaries and endowment funds at Johns Hopkins University and Hood, Washington and St. John's colleges. A total of 670 students have received Hodson Trust awards over the past four years, a growing percentage of whom are minorities.

"I could not have attended Washington College had it not been for this scholarship," said Joseph T. McKenzie III, whose National Honor Society standing in high school earned him the academic prominence to become a Hodson Scholar, thus enabling him to pursue a liberal arts education. Entering WC as a premed student, he has since discovered a love for teaching and plans to teach science on the middle-school level. He is tutoring at a local middle school.

"The Hodson Trust continues to replicate itself," said Finn Caspersen, chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Hodson Trust and whose financial acumen is responsible for the Trust's 18-fold increase in the past 22 years.

"In the tradition of Clarence Hodson, who generated hundreds of thousands of dollars from a $100 beginning, the Trust continues to multiply with a multi-billion-dollar goal in sight early in the next millennium," Caspersen said.

Moore Joins Fund-raising Team

Don R. Moore II, a senior fund-raiser from James Madison University, has joined Washington College as an associate vice president for development.

Moore is overseeing planned giving and major gifts, a key component of the $72 million Campaign for Washington's College.

After 13 years at JMU, Moore rose to the position of associate vice president in the development office, then served as acting vice president for development this year.

"Don Moore has the experience and the expertise to make an enormous contribution to our campaign," said Washington College Vice President for Development Robert G. Smith. "I am delighted he has agreed to join our team."

Before joining JMU, Moore was director of the College Center and campus activities at Maryland's Frostburg State University. He has his bachelor's degree from Luther College in Iowa, a master's from the University of Northern Iowa and an educational specialist degree from JMU.

"Washington College is a special institution, one with a rich history, talented students and great ambition. I look forward to helping Washington College reach its goal of becoming the best small liberal arts college in the country," Moore said.

PHOTO: GIBSON & ANTHONY

Ermon Foster devoted several weeks to restoring the old stained glass windows ot Norman James Theatre.

WC Friends Restore James Theatre

A refurbished Norman James Theatre opened for the spring semester, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Friends of the Arts and members of the 49th Reunion Class who raised $100,000 to complete the renovations.

In addition to extensive repairs to the auditorium and stage areas, the sound and projection systems were upgraded. The intimate theatre space is used for dramatic and musical performances, literary readings and lectures, and the College's film series.

The renovation also got some help from an old friend with a new hobby. Ermon Foster, former registrar at Washington College, has taken up stained glass making in his retirement. He put his creative skills to work in restoring the signature stained glass windows.

Workers brought 13 windows to Foster's garage, all in various stages of disrepair. Some glass was broken or missing, other windows had been poorly patched, and still others were badly cracked. Several windows

needed new putty to hold the glass in the sash.

"These windows are close to 100 years old, and they were in pretty bad shape," Foster says. "Some of the putty was so crumbly that when I touched a window a piece of glass would fall out."

Foster spent several weeks working on the windows to remove and replace broken glass. It was time-consuming labor because he had to take out intact sections of glass to get to the broken sections, and then reassemble the pattern using a caning technique that matched the original.

He tried to recycle as much of the old glass as possible. "I prefer to use the old glass because it's the same weight and quality," he says.

Foster, who makes beautifully elaborate lamps and other decorative objects says: "I'd much rather be creating than re-creating, but I was happy to play a small part in restoring Norman James Theatre."

Professors McCall and Roat Retire

Two Washington College professors were honored in December. Rosette Roat, Clarence C. White Professor of Chemistry, has given up full-time teaching for an adjunct professorship. Davy McCall, professor and chair of the economics department, has retired to pursue other interests.

Roat, a member of the faculty since 1983, is known internationally for her research with platinum II complexes, studying the chemical mechanisms of various compounds in this family in search of more effective, less toxic cancer chemotherapy treatments. She developed a vigorous undergraduate research program at WC culminating in numerous publications, papers, posters and presentations with students as co-authors. She has presented her work at national and regional meetings of the American Chemical Society, the European Conference on Bioinorganic Chemistry and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

President John Toll (center) congratulates Professors Rosette Roat (left) and Davy McCall.

Roat has had much success in obtaining funds to improve WC laboratories and curriculum, most recently from the National Science Foundation and the William Keck Foundation for the purchase of a high-field NMR spectrometer. She was co-author of the $60,000 Merck/AAAS grant that supports pharmaceutical research in the biology and chemistry departments.

Davy McCall, retired from a distinguished career with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the World Bank, joined the economics department in 1984. He expanded his role from part-time lecturer to professor and department chair. He has served as curator of the Society of Junior Fellows since 1990, directing the program that supports students' independent research projects around the globe.

McCall, who has restored several historic homes in the Chestertown area, is also a local history buff. Delving into the little-known history of Kent County's early free black community, he contributed the material on local African-American history and buildings for the book *Historic Houses of Kent County* published this year. As chair of the Chestertown Historic District Commission and of Preservation, Inc., he has uncovered some important colonial Maryland history as well. McCall has added the names of Thomas Cuff, a black community leader, John Bolton, a colonial merchant, and Peregrine Wroth, a colonial doctor and chemistry professor, to the lexicon of Kent County history.

HIGHLIGHTS

Finnegan Caps 350th Win

When Tom Finnegan '65 returned to his alma mater as the head basketball coach in the summer of 1970, he never imagined staying at Washington College long. "I thought I'd stay five or six years, and then move on to another school, or even something else," says Finnegan.

Now in his 28th year at the helm of the Shoremen, Finnegan capped his 350th victory this season with a 74-70 win against St. Mary's College. Finnegan is the College's longest-serving current coach, second only to the legendary Ed Athey '47.

His 1998-99 squad was one of the best in recent histoy, reaching the finals in Centennial Conference playoffs and accumulating a 17-10 record.

New Group Supports Literary Arts

A group of Washington College friends and alumni will band together this spring to support the literary arts on campus. Through donations of time, talent or dollars, by helping recruit student writers, assisting graduates in their job

searches or just by attending readings and lectures, this group of Friends of the O'Neill Literary House will work to ensure that the literary life of the College continues to thrive.

According to Chair William Thompson '70, the group will help support the Writers Union, fund literary publications and underwrite special Friends of the Literary House events.

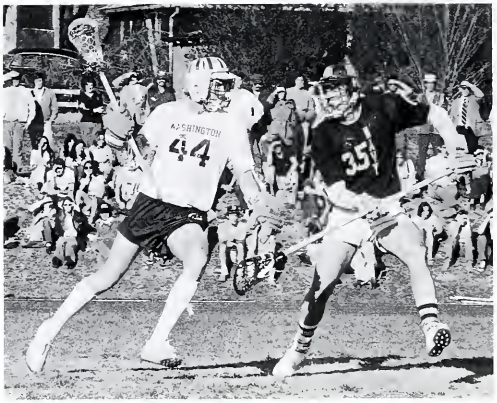
To learn more about the Friends of O'Neill Literary House, contact Bill Thompson at 800-422-1782, ext. 7899.

For further reading on campus literary life, check out *Untitled, Stories and News from the Literary House*, now live on the Washington College Website at: http://www.washcoll.edu/wc.html/alumni/literaryhouse/untitled.html.

Cheek '77 Inducted Into Lacrosse Hall of Fame

John Cheek '77, considered among the best attackmen ever to play the game, recently was honored for his outstanding lacrosse career at Washington College by being inducted into the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the US Lacrosse Hall of Fame. The induction took place in February in Baltimore.

Cheek was one of nine people (five men and four women) to be inducted into the Hall of Fame that evening. According to Bill Tanton, Senior Associate Editor of *Lacrosse Magazine*, more people bought tickets to support Cheek than for anyone else.



More than 20 years after going up against this Navy defender, John Cheek still holds WC's scoring record.

"Friends have come out in full force for John," said Tanton.

The selection committee for the Hall of Fame is made up of four people. One of them this year was Dr. Charlie Clark, head men's lacrosse coach at Washington College from 1948 until 1956. Though he did not actually coach Cheek—Don Kelly was Washington's coach from 1957 to 1977—Clark certainly knew of Cheek's accomplishments, and fully supported his nomination.

John Cheek's lacrosse career began at Towson High School, where he played on teams that won the Baltimore County Championship in 1972 and 1973. He was named a high school All-American both years.

At Washington College, Cheek became the all-time leading scorer with 212 goals, a record that still stands. He also holds the Washington record for goals in a season (69 in 15 games, 1976). Cheek was an NCAA Division II/III first-team All-American in 1976 and 1977, and was a second-team All-American as a sophomore in 1975. He was the national Attackman of the Year in both his junior and senior years, and was the overall Player of the Year as a junior in 1976. He also played in the annual North/South senior all-star game in 1977.

The Shoremen participated in the NCAA tournament all four years that Cheek played at Washington. Though they never won the championship, the 1975 and 1976 teams did advance to the national semi-final game, and the 1977 squad appeared in the title game, falling to Hobart. In the 1976 NCAA tournament, Cheek scored 18 goals in three games.

After his graduation in 1977, Cheek played with the Mt. Washington Club for one year and with the Chesapeake Club for two. He was selected to the U.S. national team for the Men's World Championship in England in 1978, but was not able to compete due to an injury. Cheek played club lacrosse until about 1985.

Cheek is a stockbroker with Alex Brown and lives in Baltimore with his wife, Pam, and two daughters, Erin, 9, and Lindsay, 6.

WC Student Takes Honors at Model UN

Jacob Ritzler '99 admitted it was a bit intimidating to walk into the Middle East peace summit negotiations with student representatives from the renowned Ivy League schools, but he soon realized "I knew just as much or more" than his fellow delegates who had traveled to Magill University in January to take part in the Model UN Conference in Montreal.

At the end of the three-day conference, Ritzler was

An international studies major, Jacob Ritzler '99 aspires to a career in Middle East diplomacy.

PHOTO GIBSON B. ANTHONY

awarded "Best Delegate" honors for his work in leading treaty negotiations among Israel, Syria, and Lebanon, with Egypt and the United States acting as mediators. Ritzler alone represented Israel in negotiations that called for the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, and gained other concessions from Syria and Lebanon as well. He said the exercise was realistic only to a certain degree: "The current government of Israel would never have negotiated on those terms, although the previous government under Yitzhak Rabin would have."

In choosing "Best Delegate," Ritzler said, conference organizers look for the most outspoken delegate who best understands the topic, who has completed extensive research, and can exert influence within the committee. Honorable mentions went to delegates from George Washington University and the Naval Academy.

Junior Fulfills Dreams On The Runway

Model Becca Corbin '00 may have landed in the pages of *Seventeen* and *Glamour* magazines, fulfilling a lifelong dream of hers, but she claims she's actually the poster child for Washington College. "I love it here!"

Returning to campus in January after working six months in New York, she says that above the fame and fortune that may come with a successful modeling career, she values her education and her friends at WC.

"It was the hardest decision I've ever had to make in my life, not to come back to school last fall," she says. "But this was a lifelong dream of mine to be in *Seventeen* magazine, and I did it. Even as a young child, I knew I had to be a model, the same way some people know they have to be doctors or lawyers. At 20, strangely enough, it was now or never. How could I live with myself if I had given up my dream? The deciding factor was that I could accelerate my studies and graduate on time."

PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE EICHNER

Becca Corbin, portrayed in her portfolio as the girl next door, has landed in *Seventeen*.

A business management major and varsity tennis player with a minor in history, the 5'10" Corbin was among the first class of Washington Scholars and consistently maintains her spot on the Dean's List. "I'm a nerd," she claims, "not the stereotypical dumb model. I like to read and watch biographies on A&E. I don't drink, do drugs, or smoke cigarettes because I value my career and my health. If I were to become famous, I would use my clout to try to help others."

Corbin, whose family lives about an hour north of New York City, has been modeling since she was in high school. Last summer she was a freelance model doing showroom runway work for designer Alberta Ferreti. "Models can make at least $1,000 a week trying on clothes, with an additional $150 an hour for overtime. The day ends at five, but sometimes we worked until eight or nine o'clock."

She's currently on hold for Ultima Makeup, a national campaign, and Brooks Brothers Catalogue, and may be called for other jobs this semester. Then this summer, she'll be back in New York.

"Before this happened I had my whole life planned—a normal life with a husband and kids. Now I see I can have another kind of life as an actress or a television show host, or a television journalist. I'll model for a couple of years and see where it leads."

Student Psychologists Report New Findings For Ritalin

Ritalin, the controversial drug designed to reduce hyperactivity and keep people focused, may actually increase creativity levels in adults, according to a new study by Washington College students that was selected for presentation at a prestigious psychology convention this spring.

The experiment conducted by Washington College students enrolled in a Health Psychology class last fall found that college students using Ritalin were more creative than they were when they stopped using the drug. This runs counter to conventional wisdom surrounding the widely prescribed drug, which is perceived as dulling people's imagination while making them more focused.

Ritalin, a trademarked name for the generic drug methylphenidate, is one of the fastest-growing prescription medicines in the United States, a growth largely fueled by parents trying to calm their hyperactive children. Critics maintain the drug is widely overprescribed, creating zombies out of healthy children who are simply rambunctious.

The five undergraduate students who conducted the Washington College study—Sarah Hickerson '00, Vicky Smrcka '00, Katie Smith '00, Heidi Nadler '00 and Liz Hoogenboom '99—will present their findings at this year's annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Providence, RI, in April. They will join some 20 other Health Psychology students from Washington College tapped to participate in the meeting, a rare honor for undergraduates. Their experiments tested the effects of smoking on anxiety, competitiveness in college athletes, the physiological effects of aromatherapy and other topics on the forefront of psychological research.

Van Dyke Joins Board

Peter Van Dyke, a former senior investment professional at T. Rowe Price Associates in Baltimore, joined the College's Board of Visitors and Governors in March, filling an unexpired term as a Board appointee.

Van Dyke has served on the President's Advisory Committee since 1996. He recently built a weekend home in Chestertown, and quickly became involved in the life of the College. He met with students interested in investment careers as part of the Power Lunch series, and offered his expertise in investment management and finance to the administration. Last summer, his family foundation pledged $100,000 to the Campaign for Washington's College.

"My wife and I found Washington College to be a positive influence in the Chestertown area," notes Van Dyke. "As I got to know more about the school, I was impressed with initiatives such as the Center for the Study of the American Experience, and the leadership of the College. It seems to me that the College is on a positive track in developing the educational experience for its students."

Peter Van Dyke

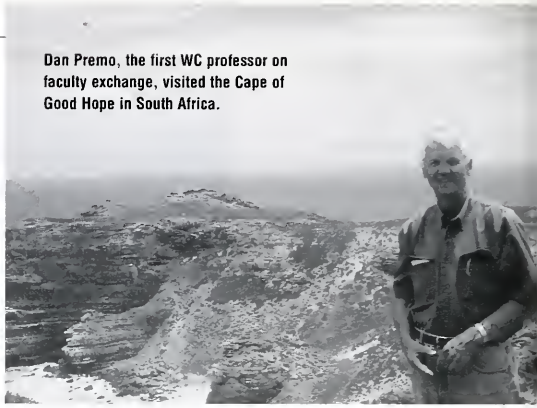
Van Dyke earned a bachelor's degree from the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, master's and doctoral degrees in applied mathematics at Harvard University, and a master's degree in management science from The Johns Hopkins University. A research scientist with Hydronautics in Laurel, MD, he later conducted high-level government research on nuclear submarine detection at Hopkins' Applied Physics Laboratory. He also managed equity and real estate investments for 15 years through an S.E.C.-registered investment management company, which he founded.

He left Hopkins in 1985 to join T. Rowe Price Associates, where he was one of 15 managing directors. Van Dyke retired at the end of 1998.

Lax Players "Read Across America"

The Washington College champion lacrosse team broke out their scary voices, lion growls and spaceship noises for an afternoon of reading to 300 elementary school students.

The event kicked off Garnett's "Read Across America" program, in which students "travel" across the country by exchanging hours they've read for miles. For the Shoremen, the afternoon marked one of the largest community service projects by an athletic team in Washington College history. It also reflected a trend of WC athletes focusing more attention on helping the community, largely through mentoring children and fellow students.



Dan Premo, the first WC professor on faculty exchange, visited the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa.

Reflections on South Africa

by Professor Dan Premo
Department of Political Science

It is easy for the foreigner visiting South Africa for the first time to be seduced by the country's extraordinary natural beauty, exotic wildlife, and rich ethnic heritage. Unless one makes a special effort to see the "real" South Africa, the country's modern infrastructure of high-rises, highways, communications and shopping malls can effectively mask a land of extensive poverty. Those visitors who travel only the Garden Route from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth would be surprised to learn that about half of South Africa's people exist on a monthly income of less than U.S. $50.

On a macro level, the central issue in South Africa is population growth. All else flows from it. The ruling African National Congress Party (ANC) cannot—nor could any government or private economy—build schools, provide medical services, and create jobs for a population of 42 million that is growing by 2.0 percent a year. Demographers say the rate of growth is declining, but against a world average of about 1.7 percent, that's like a doctor telling a patient he has a little longer to live than was first thought. The course and consequences of the disease remain unchanged.

The problems caused by the population growth are multiplied by its migration to the cities. Urban centers such as Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban, Cape Town, and Port Elizabeth already are unable to provide essential services. Thousands more arrive in the cities daily, increasing the demand for proper housing, sanitation, water and access to quality education. In 1993 the ANC campaigned on a Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) that promised to "redistribute a substantial amount of land to landless people, build over one million houses, provide clean water and sanitation to all, electrify 2.5 million new homes, and provide access for all to affordable health care and telecommunications." On the eve of the ANC's election in 1994, the last apartheid government's deficit was ballooning at such an alarming rate that already just paying salaries, pensions and the mushrooming interest on debt consumed almost everything, leaving little hope for discretionary spending by the new government.

South Africa passed its first great political challenge by negotiating a settlement which guaranteed the National Party a share of power and made possible the historic election of Nelson Mandela in the country's first multi-racial elections. Until living in the country, I had not fully appreciated the extent to which Mandela brought to South Africa, in its most precarious moment, the vision of a society in which South Africans, black and white alike, could glimpse a future that worked.

Today South Africa confronts a social and economic crisis that has its roots in apartheid but which has been exacerbated by the mismanagement, short-sightedness, and widespread corruption within the first African National Congress government. The result is a new elite—not unlike the old, but less experienced—that is underworked and overpaid.

Economically, unemployment is unacceptably high: over 30% for the country as a whole, but reaching 70% or higher among blacks living in the former homelands, rural areas, and many of the townships. Despite the ANC government's alliance with business and labor, and its commitment to open markets, privatization, and a favorable investment climate, South Africa is finding it increasingly difficult to compete in the global market.

Socially, the evils that beset South Africa are blamed on the legacy of apartheid. The Bantu Education Act, for example, which deliberately gave black people an inferior education, is one of the worst legacies of that time. Such policies have no doubt contributed to a chronic crime rate. Created at least in part by high unemployment, the crime rate is exacerbated by an ineffective justice system and the absence of a well-trained and well-equipped police force. One of the few growth industries in South Africa is private security.

Private security systems, however, are merely a symptom and not a cure for the country's underlying social and economic problems. In November, Anne Paton, the widow of Alan Paton, South Africa's most famous novelist, wrote in *The Sunday Independent* that she "loves South Africa with a passion," but could no longer bear to live there. Having been mugged, hijacked, and terrorized on several occasions in and near her home in Durban, the euphoria that she and many intellectuals felt at the time of the 1994 election has given way to disillusionment and paranoia.

According to Mrs. Paton, there is now more racial tension in South Africa than ever before. Yet what deeply disturbs most South Africans is a sense of general lawlessness. Black people suffer more than whites, since few of the former have access to private security firms, and there are no police stations near them in the townships and rural areas. Nor do they have the option of moving abroad.

President Mandela has referred to those who leave as "cowards" and says the country can do without them. While rampant crime and personal security are most often cited by the older generation for leaving, the white university students at Rhodes who confided in me their desire to emigrate were more inclined to mention a general sense of uncertainty and limited job prospects as the primary reasons.

After four years, the ANC concedes that it is not yet "fully in charge" of crucial organs of state. The great unifier—opposition to apartheid—is gone. The second great unifier—Mandela—will soon be leaving office. The broad alliance among the ANC, the South African Communist Party, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) has been held together by Mandela's patriarchal leadership. It will not endure indefinitely the strain of ideological and personal differences that exists among its leaders, nor among its core supporters. Mandela's heir apparent, Thabo Mbeki, will be buffeted by factionalism, not untouched by it as Mandela has been.

In the current economic environment, a young boy in South Africa has limited prospects of finding meaningful employment as an adult.

When Mandela goes, South Africa will lose a figure that history will treat as a Gandhi or a Martin Luther King. Neither the ANC nor South Africa is likely again to have a leader like him. By the end of Mandela's presidency, South Africa will have completed the first phase of its transition from an apartheid state to a democracy. It will have changed from a country with a government obsessed by race, sectarianism, and security to a country with a government chosen by its people and dedicated to universal norms. But the idea all along has not been merely for the government to change. The idea is for South Africa itself to change. Democracy in South Africa will not survive, at least not in its present form, if the vast majority of the country's people remain impoverished. Their growing impatience will place additional pressure on Thabo Mbeki's government to initiate far-reaching social changes.

Like so much of the developing world, South Africa is faced with the challenge of translating its political gains into economic success. The country seems light-years removed from the political and economic problems besetting so many of its African neighbors. Yet sadly, the question remains whether the country has either the financial resources to tackle reconstruction and transformation, or an efficient, honest, and inventive corps of public servants to deliver the benefits of such change to those most desperately in need of them. Time is not on its side.

Dr. Premo was on faculty exchange at Rhodes University in South Africa last fall.

Conover's Is A Vintage Passion

THOUSANDS OF DRIVERS SWOON OVER THE new high-performance BMW 5 Series, but it's the 25-year-old 2002 in mint condition that turns the head of Max Conover '86. When he set out to restore his 1974 2002 as an undergraduate in 1984, he had to scrounge for second-hand parts advertised in BMW Club magazines.

One year out of college, after learning the German language and poking around the garages of Bavaria, he founded his own company—Maximillian Importing Company—to supply original parts to other vintage BMW car buffs in the United States.

Conover traded on his passion for classic BMWs and his knowledge of the German language and culture to map a career path that has driven him to the top of his field. Today, MIC is recognized in the U.S. as a leading supplier of vintage BMW parts.

Yet it was no easy road to success. When Conover endeavored to convince the company to meet the demand in the United States for classic car parts, BMW stalled him at every turn. As a forward-thinking German company, BMW wanted to be known as an innovator rather than as a company that dwells on the past.

"Initially, they were horrified by the idea that someone would want to drive a ten-year-old car and not want the newest and greatest technology," Conover laments. Finally, after it bested long-time rival Mercedes-Benz in sales, BMW recognized the value of its motorcar history and launched its vintage division, Mobile Tradition, in 1994. This time, Conover didn't call BMW; they called him.

"BMW heard about what I was doing and they were quite interested. As you can guess, I immediately made arrangements to go to Munich." The two companies have been working together ever since with the understanding that MIC will not deal in parts for models newer than 15 years.

His is a perfect example of following an avocation to find a well-suited career. As an undergraduate, Conover had approached German Professor Joachim Scholz and told him that he wanted to learn the language because his hobby was restoring old BMWs. "He laughed and must have thought that I was nuts," remembers Conover. During the summer after his sophomore year, with funding from the German Club, Conover studied at the Goethe Institute in Prien am Chiemsee.

"Since I inherited the family name of Maximillian from my father's Bavarian side, I had a natural interest to study the culture," said Conover. Upon returning to WC, Conover set out to return the generous favor of the German Club. As president of the club, he tended to organizing meetings and orchestrating the club's annual Oktoberfest. Max was graduated from Washington College with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a minor in German.

Following the maxim: "Do what you love; the money will follow," Max Conover is building a global business as an importer of classic BMW auto parts.

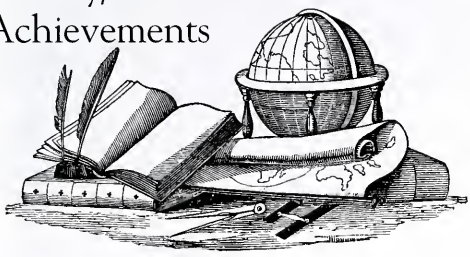
Traveling to Bavaria in search of vintage parts, Conover discovered specialty shops and performance garages filled with parts that he could not find at home. Conover negotiated deals with several of these small companies to help fill the void for vintage parts in the United States.

There are many people in the U.S. and abroad who share Conover's fondness for restoring classic BMWs. His specialized staffers, working out of MIC's headquarters in Parkton, MD, took 10,000 orders just last year and finished 1998 with an annual growth rate of 24%. They also offer customers free advice for restoring BMWs. "I cannot hire just anyone," Conover says. "My guys know these cars inside and out. That is an absolute necessity in order to properly service this market," he says.

Conover credits his success in the German import business to his undergraduate study abroad experience. "All this would have not been possible for me if I had not had the chance to study overseas," says Conover. "It opened my mind to a new way of thinking. For this I am truly grateful to my parents and to Washington College."

As the global economy expands to include many business sectors, Conover says it is even more important that today's undergraduates have the opportunity to study abroad. "I would like to see Washington College integrate an international exchange into the business program," he says. "This will be important training for what lies ahead."

Faculty/Staff Achievements



H. LOUISE AMICK, assistant professor of mathematics, had an article titled "Personalizing Mathematics" published in the December 1998 edition of *The Teaching Professor*.

MARTIN CONNAUGHTON, assistant professor of biology, has recently co-authored two manuscripts titled "On the Mechanism of Lactational Anovulation in the Rhesus Monkey" and "On the Mechanism of the Positive Feedback Action of Estradiol on Lutenizing Hormone Secretion in the Rhesus Monkey" in *American Journal of Physiology* and *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, respectively. He also wrote a chapter on the female reproductive system of fishes for the four-volume Encyclopedia of Reproduction published by Academic Press, titled "Female Reproductive System, Fish."

MICHAEL DAVENPORT, assistant to the athletic director and head coach of rowing, received his doctor of education degree from Wilmington College in January. In recognition of his 3.97 grade point average and demonstration of "the highest principles of academic research and educational leadership and innovation," he was presented with the Doctor of Education Award.

ROBERT FALLAW, the Everett E. Nuttle Professor of History, delivered a series of lectures in American history at the University of Artois at Arras, France, in January.

TOM FINNEGAN, professor of physical education, picked up his 350th career coaching victory after the men's basketball team won its game at St. Mary's College on November 30, 1998.

ROBERT G. LYNCH, associate professor of economics, co-authored a study titled "Choices For Iowa: Building a Better Tax System," which has since been published by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP). The study received wide coverage in the Iowa media, including reports in over two dozen Iowa newspapers and several favorable editorials in leading papers such as *The Des Moines Register* and *The Tribune*.

TIM MALONEY, professor of drama, wrote a short introduction "Peering into the World of Renaissance Magic" for the November production of *Doctor Faustus* at the George Mason University's Professional Company Center for the Arts. It was directed by Rick Davis.

ROBERT MOONEY's short story, "First Funeral," has been accepted for publication in the *Paterson Literary Review*, and will appear in its Spring 1999 issue. He also has been invited by the estate of American novelist John Gardner to contribute an essay that will be included in an anthology dealing with the late author's life and works.

DONALD McCOLL, assistant professor of art, published an electronic review of a book titled *Dürer and His Culture* for the College Art Association. The paper he read at last year's Second International Meeting of the Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär at Duke University, "Swiss Public Fountains and the Coming of the Reformation," has been accepted for publication in a volume of selected papers from that conference, tentatively titled *Constructing Publics: Cultures of Communication in the Early Modern German Lands*. It will be published in the Sixteenth-Century Essays and Studies Series (Early Modern German Studies, 2). McColl also received a travel grant from Oberlin College to carry out research on the Allen Memorial Art Museum's collections for Phase II of the CD-ROM project, Masterworks for Learning.

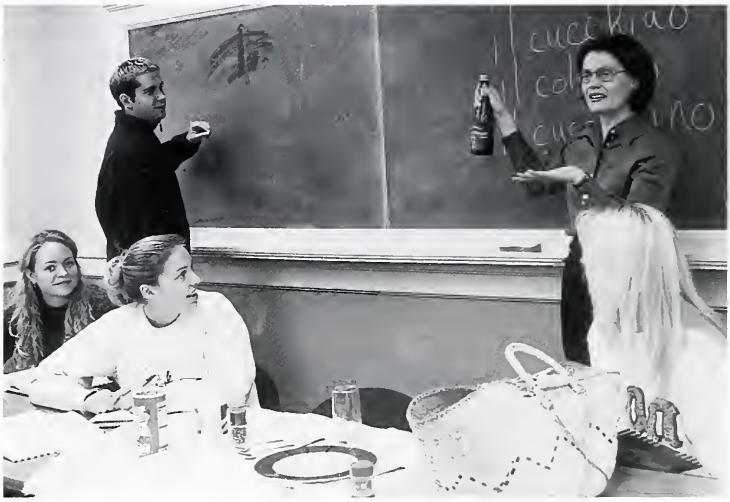
Claire Katz, assistant professor of philosophy, was an invited speaker at the November Penn State University fall colloquium, The Histories of Philosophy. Her paper was titled "Begetting History: Levinas, Genealogy, and the Questions of Ethics." At the annual meeting in October of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in Denver, Katz delivered a paper titled "Erotic Responsibility: Looking for Eros in the Work of Emmanuel Levinas." Professor Katz's paper "Ambiguous Boundaries in Our Relations With Others: Mapping Together Merleau-Ponty's Two Accounts of Subjectivity," which she presented at the August meeting of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas in Haifa, was invited for publication by the journal of the society.

Katz also succesfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "Eros, Dwelling, Ethics: The Face of the Feminine and the Judaic in the Work of Emmanuel Levinas," in February at the University of Memphis.

DONALD MUNSON, the Joseph H. McLain Professor of Environmental Studies, attended the annual meeting of the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology in Denver, where he participated in a symposium on "The Use of Protozoa as Indicators of Ecological Stress." At that same meeting, he was installed as the president-elect of the American Microscopical Society for 1999. He will assume the role of President in 2000.

SEAN O CONNOR, professor of education, conducted a two-day workshop on "Interactive Teaching—A Developmental Journey" for the Teacher Training Faculty of 80 of Volda College in Loen. He met with faculty and section leaders to discuss program implications and curriculum development. In July, he conducted a series of workshops at the Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, for faculty from each of the state capital cities. In December, he served as chair of the Maryland State Department of Education Team for Approval of the UMES Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Teacher Education.

KLAUS PLONIEN received a grant from the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to carry out research in Frankfurt this summer on the German Romantic poet Clemens Brentano. He also had his article "Mauersprünge gegen Unkenrufe: Peter Schneider und die Rolle der Intellektuellen zu Zeiten deutscher Einheit" accepted for publication in the Loyola College in Maryland Series *Schreiben im heutigen Deutschland*, vol. 3.



Valérie Loichot, assistant professor of French, presented two papers at the Midwest Modern Language Association Conference in St. Louis in November titled "A Taste of Freedom: Food in Chamoiseau's Creole Folktales," and "Enfances Croisees: les Antilles vues par Raphael Confiant et Saint-John Perse." She also served as a moderator and discussant for two papers in the panel of the CIEF (International Center for Francophone Studies).

Loichot also recently had an article, "Renaming the Name: Glissant and Walcott's Reconstruction of the Caribbean Self," accepted for publication in *The Journal of Caribbean Literatures* in a special issue titled "The Caribbean That Is," to be released this November. In addition, her essay "Negations and Subversions of Paternal Authorities in Glissant's Fictional Works" was accepted for publication as a book chapter in *Naming the Father: Legacies, Genealogies, and Explorations of Fatherhood in Modern and Contemporary Literatures*.

EUGENIA PORTO, visiting assistant professor of philosophy, in November presented a paper titled "Universal Health Care: Whose Medicine Are We Distributing?" at the Third International Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association in San Francisco.

JASON RUBIN, assistant professor of drama, had his book review "The Cambridge History of American Theatre, Vol. 1: Beginnings to 1870" published in November's Theatre Survey, *Journal of American Society of Theatre Research*.

JEANETTE SHERBONDY, associate professor of anthropology, has published her chapter on "Andean Irrigation in History" in the new book *Searching for Equity: Conceptions of Justice and Equity in Peasant Irrigation*. She has also published a book review of *Joan de Santa Cruz Pachacuti Yamqui Salcamaygua's Relacion de antiguedades deste Reyno del Piru: An Ethnohistorical and Linguistic Study* by Pierre Duviols and Cesar Itier, published by the Center for Andean Regional Studies, Cusco, Peru. The review appears in Australia's *Tawantinsuyu, An International Journal of Inka Studies*.

JIM SIEMEN, professor of psychology, once again succeeded in having all class projects from his Health Psychology class included at poster sessions at this year's annual meeting of the Eastern Psychology Association. The five projects involved 26 student authors.

KAREN LYNN SMITH, professor of physical education, was the site coordinator/host and producer of the 26th State Dance Festival, held at Washington College in October. She authored the article "The Spiritual Foundations of Dance" and was the editor of a feature section by the same name which will appear in the Spring issue of the *ICHPER-SD Journal* (International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, and Dance).

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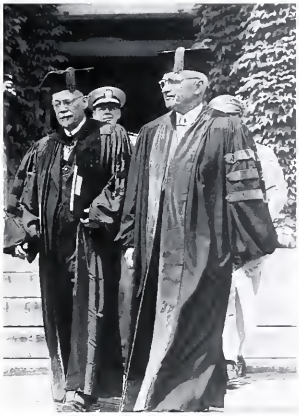

The recent visit of George Bush was the first time in nearly 40 years that a U.S. President set foot on the Washington College campus. Nevertheless, the former commander-in-chief is in good company. Five of his predecessors—George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and John Kennedy—came to the College before him. A sixth—Herbert Hoover—was granted an honorary degree in absentia.

Clockwise from top: Harry S. Truman addressed the graduating class on June 1, 1946. He was the second sitting president to visit during the tenure of College President Gilbert Mead. On October 21, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt pitched his New Deal to thousands of spectators gathered for the inauguration of President Mead. It was a media coup rivaled only by the George Bush visit, with radio and newspaper coverage as well as RKO newsreel exposure. John F. Kennedy launched his Maryland campaign for the Democratic nomination at Washington College on May 11, 1960. Kennedy promised to return to campus as a sitting president. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was granted an honorary degree of law at commencement on June 7, 1954.

Portrait *of a* FIRST LADY

ARRIVING IN CHESTERTOWN IN 1950 WITH HER husband and three young children, installed in a huge drafty old house miles from any big city, First Lady Helen Gibson cried for a month. Then she thought, as Eleanor Roosevelt once wrote: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

Catching a glimpse of the lanky English professor named Daniel Gibson walking through the dining room at Cincinnati University, a young Conservatory student of piano had a flash of premonition. "That's the man I'm going to marry."

Helen hadn't a clue, though, that she and Daniel Gibson would find their way to a tiny college and shape it into a modern post-war institution of national respectability. It wasn't love at first sight so much as an instinctual response to a man who would be her life-long companion and partner. Even now, long after the two had packed up and moved out of the Hynson-Ringgold House following a 20-year stint as President and First Lady of Washington College, Helen Gibson often comes home eager to share some bit of news with him. Then she remembers. Daniel's been dead since 1984.

"We did everything together; we loved being together. I felt I lost my best friend when he died."

From the formal oil portrait hanging over her grand piano, a vibrant Daniel Z. Gibson looks pensive, as if he is apologizing for becoming ill with Parkinson's disease and leaving her alone. Together—in those years from 1950-1970—they had weathered storms of discontent and political quagmires on campus, civil unrest in the community, and Vietnam War protests that touched even Washington College. Throughout it all, they remained steadfast in their devotion to each other and to Washington College.

Those with long-term institutional memories agree that what the Gibsons did together in the course of their 20 years at the helm of Washington College significantly shaped the institution. It was a period of unprecedented growth and program development. Buildings were erected. Enrollment doubled, as did the size of the faculty. Endowment grew from a paltry $100,000 to $2,500,000. (Today it's $95 million.) Most importantly, Washington College's academic reputation was greatly enhanced.

Helen Gibson says her husband's greatest legacy was strengthening the intellectual environment of Washington College. He considered the faculty to be the lifeblood of the institution. He endeavored to engage them in intellectual discourse, and sought out their company socially as well. With virtually no money to pay for visiting speakers, the President hosted monthly faculty seminars, where he would ask faculty members to speak on various topics. Gibson revamped the curriculum—adding music, drama and art—and established the four-course plan that today distinguishes Washington College

BY MARCIA C. LANDSKROENER

Helen Gibson made her home in Chestertown after her husband's 20-year term as College President. Today, her Water Street home is filled with books and mementos of their life together. Her grand piano holds a place of prominence, along with the individual portraits of the couple painted in 1953 by artist Lorraine Merritt. Mrs. Gibson still has the elegant blue gown she posed in.

among its peers. He also broadened the scope of a provincial Board of Visitors and Governors to include intellectuals and academic leaders.

Yet the Gibson administration was not without its travails. Gibson abolished intercollegiate football, and came close to shutting down the campus fraternities. During the height of the civil rights movement, the College finally opened its doors to black students, a move unpopular with some. During the Vietnam War, Gibson joined student protesters in a candlelight vigil held to remember those killed.

Helen and Daniel Gibson shared a quiet moment in the front parlor of Hynson-Ringgold House.

"When Gibson took office Washington College was embattled," recalls Nate Smith, professor emeritus of history. "There was no money, and the penury of the 1950s made Gibson so cautious. The College was operating on a shoe string, and it was difficult for him to raise money for endowment. Still, Gibson built the foundation for what there is today. Without him, Washington College would have struggled and died. And without Helen and all the various roles she played, Gibson would not have survived as president. No one could resist her genuine graciousness."

In fact, it was Helen Gibson's gift for entertaining and her love of music that imbued Washington College with heart and the sense of close-knit community for which the College still is renowned.

"When I came to Chestertown I didn't intend to stay very long," recalls Smith, a 41-year teaching veteran at Washington College. "I had come from Chicago where I was a member of five symphony orchestras, where there were theaters and shops. Then here I was in this hot dusty town. I was desperate for involvement in something besides teaching. Well, I had brought my mandolin, and I found out that Helen played piano, so I asked her if she knew anyone who could play fiddle. She suggested Bob Forney, a talented violinist who performed frequently at the College and who was a major supporter of the Concert Series.

"Next thing I know Bob and I are in the President's living room, where Helen Gibson sat down at the piano and sight-read a complicated piece. We were surrounded by this beautiful music. All of a sudden I felt maybe Chestertown wasn't as desolate as I thought. She created this oasis of high culture at Hynson-Ringgold House. I'll never forget it. To walk in and be a part of it was wonderful."

The Gibsons worked systematically on their dream for developing the arts at Washington College. An accomplished pianist, Helen could play Balakirev's "Islamey," a Russian composition with a world reputation for being the most difficult piano piece to play. The little quartet she formed with Smith, Forney, and Arthur Keefe became the nucleus for the Concert Series, which now in its 45th season still includes Mrs. Gibson on its board. Every Monday night at the Hynson-Ringgold House, Mrs. Gibson recalls, local musicians gathered to play chamber music.

In 1966, the College hired its first full-time head of the music department. A new classroom and performance center was completed in 1967 to accommodate the addition of music, art and drama programs. The Board later voted to name the new facility in honor of her husband. Mrs. Gibson was the accompanist for the College's choral group, which in 1969, under the direction of John Walker, went on a three-week European tour.

Though the presidential home she inherited was cold and drafty, Helen Gibson soon transformed Hynson-Ringgold House into a warm and welcoming place for both faculty and guests. In those early years with a much smaller faculty, Helen thought nothing of having everyone in for a Christmas feast, with bridge games and conversation stretching well into the evening. Though faculty attendance at the annual community reception was mandatory, few balked and everyone had a wonderful time as Helen's punch flowed freely.

The Gibsons admired a grandfather clock that was made in England in the 1790s and given to the College by Mrs. Norris Harrison of Chestertown. The clock now stands in the front hall of Hynson-Ringgold House.

As first lady, Helen Gibson helped make the Hynson-Ringgold House a center of the intellectual and cultural life of the Chestertown community. The 18th century house was purchased for the College in 1944.

"The Gibsons were great entertainers," recalls Garry Clarke, professor of music who joined the Washington College faculty in 1968. "Helen thought it was very elegant to put on black tie dinners and dine by candlelight. It was certainly another era, but they fit into it so well. Somehow, on a small budget, they managed to entertain beautifully."

Clarke remembers one particular act of kindness Helen Gibson extended towards him—a single young professor alone on his birthday. "One day, that first year I was here, she called and invited me to the house for a drink that evening. There was a bottle of champagne, and she invited me to stay for dinner. Helen probably knew it was my birthday, and knew I wouldn't have any plans. I don't know how she found it out, but I never forgot it. The next year, I had an opportunity to go back to New England. Dan Gibson called me into his office and said 'Please don't go, Garry.' Part of my decision to stay in Chestertown was because of the Gibsons and their personable style. Where could I go to replicate that?"

As partners, the Gibsons accomplished much, yet Mrs. Gibson took the initiative on many projects herself, from preparing food for faculty parties to laying the brick walk in the backyard of the Hynson-Ringgold House. "The backyard was getting worn from all the trips back and forth to the kitchen during parties," Mrs. Gibson recalls, "so I laid out the path, put down the bricks, sprinkled down some sand, and that was it."

Mrs. Gibson also is responsible for establishing the Washington College Women's League. "I started the Women's League because Daniel wanted me to," she says simply. "It was a way to bring the town and gown communities together without any ulterior motive to raise money. I was the first president, and Peggy Barroll was vice president. We had about 30 members. Today the Women's League has grown to 175 members, and it now supports scholarships and gifts to Miller Library. It has been fun to see that happen."

The Women's League began its fund-raising efforts with fashion shows and talent contests. Dorothy Paca once staged an elaborate affair with models in various tableaus. Mrs. Gibson, of course, was seated at a piano in a beautiful blue gown she later wore for her portrait sitting.

When the Women's League was considering other suggestions for special projects, Mrs. Gibson proposed an idea that bombed with the other members. "I can't even remember what it was, but I do remember running into Mrs. Livingood [the wife of the Dean], and I apologized. I said, 'I know everyone thinks I'm bossy; I don't mean to be.' Mrs. Livingood replied: 'Oh, that's not what they say about you.' Well, I laughed! I never had the nerve, though, to ask her what they were saying about me."

She did hear about one instance when Daniel was seen with a younger woman on campus. It turned out to be his daughter, Mary. She laughs: "I remember saying, if he has time for that, more power to him!" In addition to running a college, the Gibsons were raising three children: Jillian, Mary, and Daniel Douglas. "Growing up under those circumstances was hard on them," Mrs. Gibson remarks sadly. "They often felt neglected because we were so busy with College affairs."

Today, at 87, she takes delight in her two grandchildren, who despite being almost grown still have their childish artwork on display in her kitchen. She also has her yoga, her books, her piano, her Washington College family, and friends from near and far to keep her busy. A few years ago, she and an old friend from her days at Franklin & Marshall College hatched the idea for a campus arboretum. Mrs. Gibson enlisted the help of College friend Winslow Long and biology professor Rosemary Ford in the creation of a campus arboretum that was dedicated this fall.

"Helen is a wonderful companion, because everything is an adventure for her," remarks Mary Margaret Forney, one of the first women of Chestertown to call on Mrs. Gibson at Hynson-Ringgold House, and the wife of Bob Forney. Sitting together shelling peas on the porch, the two formed a bond that has lasted a lifetime. Recently, when the two women vacationed together on the Virgin Islands, Mary Margaret was witness once again to Helen's indomitable spirit and ease with people.

"Most people confined in an airport for three or four hours will retreat and read a book," says Mrs. Forney. "Not Helen. She'll strike up a conversation with the person sitting next to her, and if that person happens to be French, she'll speak French. She always has something interesting to say, and she'll eventually discover some common ground—common interests or acquaintances."

Until just recently, Mrs. Gibson swam several times a week at the Casey Swim Center on campus. She attends lectures and convocations, Women's League meetings, her book club, meetings of the local ornithological society, and all of the College's musical performances. Fiercely independent, she still drives herself to various functions and to meet friends for lunch or tea. She broke her kneecap falling on the ice last year, and has taken to using a walker to maintain her balance, but that hasn't prevented her from flying to Texas to spend Christmas with her sisters or planning a trip to England this summer.

"She really is unstoppable," says Mrs. Forney. "She and Dan used to spend their summers in Alaska, where their son is a professor at the University of Alaska. They would drive out, and camp along the way. It was not an easy trip. When Dan was no longer able to drive, Helen insisted they go anyway, and she did all the driving. She's not going to give up enjoying everything life has to offer."

BEYOND IMAGE AND ARTIFICE:

The Unmasking of GEORGE WASHINGTON

AS WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMEMORATES the bicentennial anniversary of its founding patron's death, Professor Robert Fallaw examines the formative and retirement years of an American icon.

On the way to his 1789 inauguration as the nation's first President, 58-year-old George Washington was feted in Philadelphia as the "first citizen of the age" and "the greatest man in the world." This is the Washington at the height of his contemporary fame and the man of history known to most Americans. Both the young Washington and the old Washington are absent in our minds. The young man is hardly known. We seem to think of Washington as springing from his mother's womb already mature, stiff, and dignified. The old Washington is recalled only as a crumbling figure tortured by painful dentures. Yet for a fuller understanding of the man, we should look at both the youthful Washington and the old Washington.

First going back to the early years: the young Washington was the product of an unsettled, almost frontier life, not of placid Tidewater Virginia. The family, in contrast to general impression, was not particularly wealthy. Washington's father, Augustine, was a restless sort and acquired only a modest amount of property. Furthermore, he left most of it to George's two older half-brothers. George, the oldest of five children from Augustine's second marriage, wound up with very little. Even a part of that was administered by his mother, Mary Ball Washington, whose relations with George were, despite more myth-making, very touchy. At the age of 17, Washington was essentially on his own.

He made his way with surveyor's rod and considerable independent courage into a western Virginia frontier that hardly knew the impact of civilization. Lord Thomas Fairfax, the largest landholder in Virginia, employed the young Virginian as a surveyor for his many western land claims.

Washington's experience in the western forests came to the attention of Virginia's royal governor, Robert Dinwiddie, a strong advocate of westward expansion and the view that French occupation of what is now western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley was intolerable. In 1753 Dinwiddie chose Washington, the experienced denizen of the western woods, to thread his way through the virgin forests to warn the French that Virginia was now claiming this land. The French were not impressed and told Washington to go back where he came from. The 21-year-old envoy almost didn't make it. With a lone companion, Christopher Gist, Washington survived a missed point-blank shot fired by an Indian guide who turned on the two men before he was subdued. Frozen nights in icebound forests and icy river crossings also tested his mettle. Washington's survival proved his hardiness and fired his self-confidence.

A second foray into the west, in 1754, was even more humiliating. The French forced the young militia commander, directing a raw band of recruits back from the Ohio country, into a hastily built fortification, "Fort Necessity," in what is now southwestern Pennsylvania. The fort could not survive the French assaults and Washington was captured. He was most fortunate to be sent back to Virginia with only a warning, for the commander of the French force was the brother of a French diplomat whom Washington's band had killed.

Washington's next activity on the western frontier again came very close to ending his life. This time, also in 1754, large-scale hostilities broke out in the Ohio Valley between the French and the British. It was the beginning of

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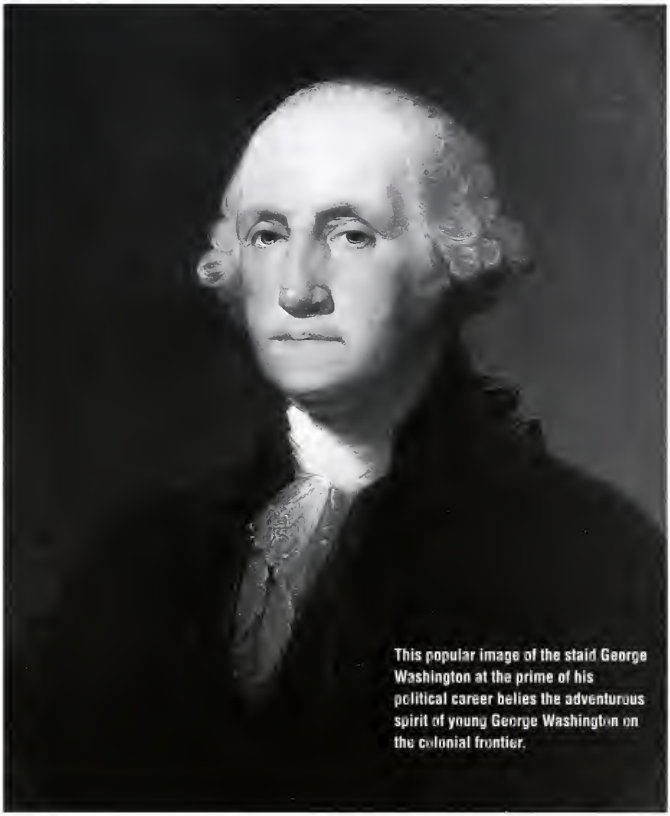
the French and Indian War. Ironically, Washington, often dismissed by the British as an untrained colonial, was employed by the main British army in America as an experienced hand on the frontier. General Edward Braddock led the force into the jaws of a disastrous French and Indian ambush. The expedition was almost totally wiped out, Braddock was killed, and Washington had two horses shot out from under him. He later discovered four bullet holes in his clothing. Washington had to take command of the shattered group and lead them back toward Virginia over a road so rough that the young adjutant "colonel" had to crawl on his hands and knees to feel his way in the dark. Without such narrow and lucky escapes, Washington would have been lost to history—and our college certainly would not be Washington College.

Washington next met a sharp personal disappointment, but without this setback there would have been further reason why we would not have heard of him again. He applied for a commission as a regular officer in the British army. He even traveled to Massachusetts to try to win over Gov. William Shirley, commander of British forces in North America. But Washington was spurned and left both the militia and the frontier life.

These early, youthful episodes formed a Washington unknown to most Americans. It was a life calling forth images more like Daniel Boone or Leatherstocking than powdered hair and quadrilles at Mount Vernon. It was also a youthful apprenticeship that produced the resilience, physical toughness, perseverance, and the undoubted physical courage that impressed so many during the glory days of the Revolution.

At the age of 26, Washington was a curious mixture of the provincial and the worldly. He had known mostly Virginia and its Ohio frontier, yet he had been in the thick of clashes between two world empires, and had had an account of his adventures published in London, which brought him to the attention of King George II. He had endured the travails of British army defeat and was a hero in Virginia, the most populous of the British North American colonies.

The years after 1754, to about 1770, are another period of Washington's life little known to posterity. During this interval Washington purchased Mount Vernon from his half-brother Lawrence, married a wealthy widow, and settled into the routine of a prosperous gentleman farmer. Washington himself assumed that this would be his life's niche. The Revolution, of course, changed all that, and he became during its course the idol of America and a world figure.



This popular image of the staid George Washington at the prime of his political career belies the adventurous spirit of young George Washington on the colonial frontier.

Americans generally have not devoted much analysis to why an increasingly wealthy Virginia squire became both a rebel against the mother country and the leader in using arms against her. Around 1765 Washington developed a growing resentment against British legislation affecting the colonies. He also felt in himself a burgeoning sense of American nationalism and a belief that independence was inevitable. Britain's renewed mercantilist regulation of Atlantic trade was not only a blow to Washington's pocketbook but also to his belief that individuals really should directly control their own affairs. Americans had become accustomed to this.

Like other planters, Washington was required to sell his tobacco only to Britain and had to pay freight charges, insurance premiums, storage costs, and import duties on British articles that he often thought excessive. He also complained about the quality of some of the goods he received from England. Self-denial of consumption of goods to force changes in British policy, an approach that fitted Washington's controlled temperament, was in his view an appropriate response. At the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1775, Washington impressed the delegates with his temperate but determined advocacy of American interests.

Washington's growing militancy was also fed by his belief in the universal right to a large measure of self-govern-

ment and what he genuinely felt was British disdain for American rights. Such semi-revolutionary views cast Washington in the role of a proponent of vigorous protest. It was a position more advanced toward independence than we usually associate with Washington.

Unquestionably, Washington was the key figure of the achievement of independence and played only a slightly lesser role in the political construction of the newly independent nation. This middle-aged Washington etched in memory is our familiar, and probably permanent, image of Washington more than the remembrance of the post-1790 Washington as President and retired statesman.

But what about this latter period? Sworn in as President at Federal Hall in New York City, the first capital under the new Constitution, and also leading the government in its transfer to Philadelphia, Washington dominated the life of both cities more than we realize today.

Many Americans looked to him as the very guardian of the often precarious national unity, and Washington did not disappoint the public's expectations. More than any of the Revolutionary generation, even Alexander Hamilton, he had an unwavering vision of strong and perpetual national unity. "It is only in our united character," he said, "that our independence is acknowledged, our power can be regarded, or our credit supported among foreign nations." Although he sometimes had disparaged some regions and some participants during discouraging periods of the Revolution, Washington was never, during the last decade of his life, only a supporter of agrarianism, or only a supporter of commerce, or only a Virginian in outlook. He praised New England Yankees for their fortitude, saw the ending of slavery as a necessity for preventing disunion, and even reconciled himself, as a leader of the Federalist Party, to accept some virtues in the British conception of constitutional liberty.

In the clash between the young lions, Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson, over the best economic and foreign policies for the new nation, Washington played a transcendent role. He supported Hamilton's centrist financial policies but never derogated Jefferson's policies as anti-American.

It is also not widely known that, while Washington had no natural children of his own, he doted on children, especially his two stepchildren and his stepgrandchildren. He was often disappointed when children sleeping over at Mount Vernon as guests of his stepgrandchildren ceased their laughing and chatter when the dignified great man entered the room. He was a concerned and often emotional parent toward his stepchildren, and sternly but kindly tried to pass on advice to them, especially those with academic shortcomings.

Actually, Washington was not a cold person, though he sometimes gave that impression because he was rather shy in crowds and gave public addresses in a reticent, low-key style. Yet he always dutifully met his public obligations in a thorough manner. He seemed to feel keenly his lack of formal education although he was a diligent reader and attentive listener. That he did not write an autobiography was probably from a belief that he had little literary skill. His public statements and some of his private letters are very formal in diction, perhaps from a concern that otherwise he would seem ill-educated.

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On the other hand, some of his private letters are quite genial and show an ironic sense of humor. We also have a number of accounts of his very companionable discourse, bonhomie, and love of conversation and card games with family and friends. Abigail Adams summarized his persona best: "He has a dignity which forbids familiarity mixed with an affability which creates love and reverence."

The popular image of Washington the retired President as enduring a kind of final weary lassitude, often in pain from bad dentures, also needs correcting. Washington's papers record that he maintained a keen interest in the affairs of state from 1796 to 1799, and he did not hesitate to offer unambiguous advice to Pres. John Adams. It is also not widely known that Washington, deeply suspicious about the increasing aggressiveness of America's old ally France, actually came out of retirement in 1799 to serve once again as the ranking general and commander of the U.S. Army as war seemed a possibility. He put on the famous buff and blue uniform for the last time. This re-emergence of the old general in the last year of his life should not obscure the fact that he strongly approved Pres. John Adams's successful efforts to reach a negotiated settlement with the French. He refused to join the extreme Federalists who wanted an immediate war with France and happily resigned his command as negotiations brought peace.

Toward the end of his life and looking to the status of his estate, Washington came face to face with the vexing issue of human slavery. Like many of the Revolutionary generation, he believed slavery was an anachronism that would not last long into the 19th century. He also was known as a kind and generous master, and in his will freed all slaves upon the death of his wife, which occurred two years after his own. His heirs were to take care of all newly freed children who could not be supported otherwise. Such children were to be apprenticed until the age of 25 and guarded carefully against those who might try to kidnap them back into slavery. None of the freed slaves was to be forced to leave Virginia under "any pretext whatsoever."

His last day at Mount Vernon also has been encrusted in something of a popular myth. Although Washington was bled by physicians, it is not likely that he was bled to death. He probably had become infected with diphtheria or a severe streptococcus throat infection. Either would have been fatal, given the state of medical knowledge of the day.

Of course, it should be no surprise that some periods of Washington's life, in contrast to certain well-publicized parts of it, have become misty and mythical, but his youth and his old age are legitimate subjects of inquiry. They have much to tell us about the more familiar Washington. ◗

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To Tell The TRUTH

FROM *PLAYBOY* HONORS TO A CURSED PRIZE TO "THE FAR SIDE," campus legends run wild and deep at Washington College. We asked our reporter to run down a few, and what he found might surprise you.

I'm a rookie here, with barely a year of Washington College employment behind me. When I first arrived at this centuries-old campus, people were slinging all sorts of wild stories my way, tall tales meant to impress a wide-eyed stranger intimidated by all the history surrounding him.

Stories like the audacious boast that little Washington College was the first college founded in the new United States of America. Or the myth that the school actually gives something like $40,000 to a graduating senior just for writing well—cash money the winners are free to spend at will, be it on their first novel or on Red 17. My favorite was the myth of students—male and female—stripping away their clothes every May 1 and streaking across campus, a wildly poetic ritual celebrating spring.

Of course, fables like those—

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Doug, those things aren't myths. They're all true.

Really? Even the naked part?

Yes, although we certainly don't condone that sort of behavior.

No, of course we don't. So where was I last year on the first of May?

You were fishing.

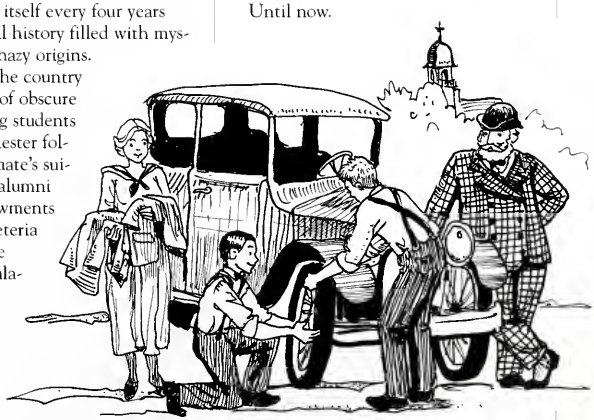
Oh. I see. Well, I'm writing a note to make sure I am in the office this May 1, just so I can be here to help condemn that sort of thing.

But as I was saying, myths are a natural part of the collegiate landscape, as common as brick walks. Few institutions lend themselves to myth-making like colleges and universities. The combination of centuries' worth of history, a powerful nostalgia for the campus's good old days, and a core population that churns through itself every four years produces an oral history filled with mysterious tales of hazy origins.

Thus across the country we hear stories of obscure policies granting students 4.0s for the semester following a roommate's suicide, eccentric alumni who fund endowments to keep the cafeteria stocked with ice cream, and regulations on how long students must wait for a tardy instructor based on the professor's rank.

The above examples are all false, by the way—tall tales that have wormed their way into the mythology of campuses across the country. The *Washington College Magazine* has mustered all its investigative resources and set out to examine a few legends closer to home, stories that have been told, retold, then told again for decades, yet never scrutinized.

Until now.



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Party Legends

THE STORY: Washington College used to be such a wild oasis of debauchery *Playboy* once named it one of the 10 biggest party schools in the country.
THE VERDICT: False.
THE SKINNY: Visit any campus in the country and talk to some students. Ask them about the social scene on campus. This is what you'll hear:

STUDENT: "Things are so lame now. Back in the old days, this place was wild. Every weekend they'd roll out kegs onto the front lawn, and professors would bring pitchers of martinis to class, and, dude, even the library had a draft system. You used to be able to buy pitchers while you studied, and you could charge it to your parents."

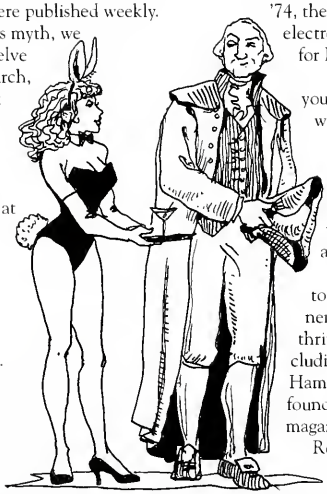
YOU: "And?"

STUDENT: "Oh, yeah. I think back in like 1982 or something, *Playboy* said we were the top party school in the country!"

In fact, *Playboy* rarely ranks party schools, though it has now and again. But from the number of schools where students claim the ranking, you would think the lists were published weekly.

To debunk this myth, we were forced to delve deeply into research, scrutinizing back issues and even signing up for a month's subscription to *Playboy On-Line* at the magazine's expense, all for the sake of investigating this matter.

And the research paid off. For after poring through back issues, scrolling through cover after cover posted on the Internet, prowling through chat rooms looking for *Playboy* experts, and exploring other men's magazines for similar rankings, we called *Playboy* itself and talked to someone named Candi or Bambi who checked the past lists and said Washington College wasn't on them.



Sophie's Curse

THE STORY: Winners of the Sophie Kerr Prize are doomed to a life of literary lameness, toiling away in obscurity and never approaching the promise bestowed upon them by winning the nation's largest writing prize for undergraduates.
THE VERDICT: False.
THE SKINNY: First of all, there aren't any Sophie Prize recipients on food stamps. A look at 30 years' worth of winners makes a certain academic flack a little green with envy. There's the big-time public relations executive from '74, the surgeon from '69, the electronic marketing manager for MacMillan from '86.

"It's madness! When you think of the kids who won the prize, they haven't been cursed whatsoever," bellows Prof. Robert Day, the former director of the O'Neill Literary House who now teaches English at the College.

Day and others point to a number of Sophie winners who have gone on to thrive in a "literary life," including: Harvey Roland "Mike" Hammer, the '90 winner who founded the prestigious literary magazine, *The Plum Review*; Robert Burkholder, the respected English professor at Penn State who won the prize in '72; William L. Thompson, the '70 winner who followed a successful journalism career to *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, published a book and now directs the Washington College Literary House Press; Ellen Beardsley, the '81 winner who now reviews books and writes poetry from her home in Cork, Ireland; William Bowie, the published poet and '75 winner; Peter Turchi, the published novelist from '82 who now directs the MFA program at Warren Wilson College.

To be sure, though, none of the winners has approached the fame or renown of the Sophie Kerr Prize itself. There have been no Nobels, Pulitzers or bestsellers in the bunch.

Some wonder if the Prize—and all the attention, promise and, yes, money, that goes with it—serves as too lofty a benchmark with which to measure a young person's successes.

"It's rather damning, winning this huge prize," English Department Chairman Richard Gillin said. Some winners "feel they have disappointed people here because they haven't done anything grand or spectacular. But at 21 or 22 years old, no one expects that."

Literary House Director Robert Mooney has said the award teaches an important lesson—the long odds against literary prominence, no matter the writer.

Adds Jef Frank, a contender for last year's prize: "They say it's a curse because no one's writing the Number One *New York Times* bestseller. But how many people want to do that?"

The Far Side of Believability

THE STORY: Oddball cartoonist Gary Larson, creator of "The Far Side," attended Washington College as an undergraduate.
THE VERDICT: False.
THE SKINNY: Larson, 48, attended Washington State University, not Washington College, which probably accounts for how this myth got started. Washington College can claim some famous entertainers as alumni, including

Terminator heroine (and James Cameron ex) Linda Hamilton and *Just Shoot Me* star Laura San Giacomo. But not Larson, a native of Tacoma, WA, who spent his entire college career at Washington State, according to a spokeswoman there.

The folks at Larson's marketing company out in Seattle confirmed it.

"I'm afraid you're going to have to debunk that one," said Kim Lindbeck of FarWorks, who asked Larson if he ever went to Washington College.

"He said no."

Trust Us On This One

THE STORY: Col. Clarence Hodson, a very rich and generous man, was motoring past Washington College with his driver one day in 1919 when the car blew a tire. Students and professors helped with repairs, immediately charming the 51-year-old president of the Beneficial Loan Society. He rewarded the school with advice, donations and, finally, millions of dollars in annual gifts, now totaling more than $25 million.
THE VERDICT: False.
THE SKINNY: Colonel Hodson did take a shine to Washington College, and through personal donations and his Hodson Trust gave millions of dollars to the school, making Colonel Hodson Washington College's biggest benefactor. Yet the flat tire story is looking pretty fishy.

Bill Thompson (the Sophie winner mentioned earlier who is now finishing up a new history of the College) writes that the car trouble origin of Hodson's generosity "cannot be proved. Or disproved." Yet a letter Thompson unearthed by former Washington College Pres. Clarence P. Gould recalling his first meeting with Colonel Hodson would seem to fatally wound that legend.

In the letter, Gould describes running into a gentleman with his driver on campus. The gentleman said they had pulled over because Middle Hall had caught his attention from the road. So Gould escorted the man on a tour of the campus, and throughout the walk the man would point out "something that needed to be done and tell me to have the work taken care of and charge it to him."

By the end of the tour, the repair list totaled a dozen items, costing about $500. The man identified himself as Colonel Hodson and handed the president his card.

Later, Gould hesitated ordering the repairs because there were no funds in the budget for them and he wondered how sincere the stranger had been. But he did have workmen fix a small item the Colonel had mentioned and sent Hodson the bill.

A check for the work arrived without delay, along with a long letter asking about the other 11 items. A lifelong commitment was born, and all, it seems, with Hodson's four tires remaining in working order.

In fact, if the tire story is true, it probably happened in Frederick, MD, not in Chestertown. Hood College, the women's college in Frederick that is one of the three other Maryland schools to receive an annual grant from the Hodson Trust, claims a group of its students came to the aid of Colonel Hodson and his driver while they were fixing a flat outside Hood.

"It's always been between Hood and Washington College," explained Hodson Trust director Eileen Dickey. "I don't think (Hood has) anything to back up this claim either."

Yet the Hodson folks have apparently accepted Hood's ownership of the tire fixing. In a message to WC's own *Elm* reporter Kelly Cooper, Hodson Trust Chairman Finn Caspersen explained how the four Maryland colleges adopted by Colonel Hodson were chosen:

Johns Hopkins for its world renown; St. Johns because of its unique approach to higher education; Washington College because of Hodson's close bond to its president; and Hood because "he had a flat tire there and a group of girls came out and helped."

A Slick Swap?

THE STORY: The hit movie *City Slickers* was actually a pirated version of Washington College Prof. Bob Day's novel *The Last Cattle Drive*.
THE VERDICT: Inconclusive.
THE SKINNY: Bob Day did indeed write a novel called *The Last Cattle Drive* with a plot vaguely similar to *City Slickers*. And a production company purchased the movie rights to that novel from Day. According to Day, the production company told him Billy Crystal, who helped pen *City Slickers*, once inquired about the rights to *The Last Cattle Drive* but never pursued the project.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Doug, please remember that Billy Crystal is very rich and has more lawyers than Washington College has psychology majors.

I know, that's why I'm just going to end the piece with this:

As Professor Day recalls, he read an interview with Crystal in a major newsmagazine in which the actor/writer was asked, "How did you ever come up with the idea of driving cattle through the desert?"

"And Crystal said, 'I just woke up in the middle of the night with it.'"

Day paused to let Crystal's statement sink in, then offered a skeptical exclamation that—and this could just be a coincidence—also refers to cattle.

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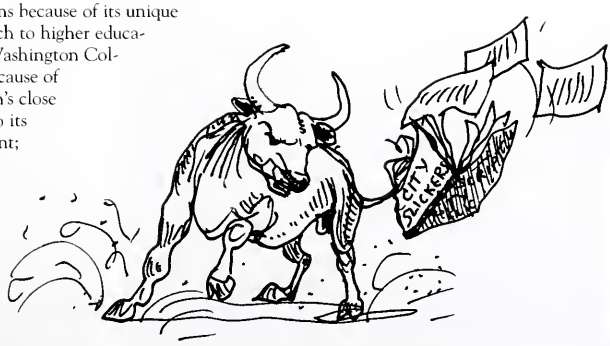


Pat Ingersoll (far right) received a portrait of former sociology professor Maggie Horsley, who taught three generations of Ingersolls. Also pictured are (from left) Professor Pat Horne, Alumni Association President Glenn Beebe '81, and student artist Teresa Vance '00.

Alumni Association Honors Pat Ingersoll

Clare "Pat" Ingersoll '71 was honored on Washington's Birthday with the 1998 Alumni Service Award for exceptional support to the College.

An alumni-elected member of the Board of Visitors and Governors since 1987, Ingersoll has demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm for and dedication to the work of the College. Now in her second term as trustee, she has served on the Academic Affairs Committee, the Academic Resources Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, the Honors and Awards Committee, and as Board representative to the Alumni Council. She also is a founding member of the Friends of Miller Library and is active in the Women's League of Washington College.

In addition to her time and energies on behalf of the College, she and her husband, Daniel W. Ingersoll '33, have been generous benefactors of the College, supporting the William Smith Hall project and the Campaign for Washington's College.

After raising four sons, Ingersoll came to Washington College in 1967 as a non-traditional student to complete her bachelor's degree, graduating with departmental honors in sociology. She then completed a master's degree and doctoral work (ABD) in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. She occasionally taught in the College's sociology department as needed.

"Pat Ingersoll clearly is someone who values education in general, and who has been a wonderful advocate for Washington College in particular," remarked Glen E. Beebe '81, president of the Alumni Council. "We applaud her as a stellar alumna, benefactor, and trustee, and hold her up as a model for generations of alumni-at-large."

Making Learning Fun

For the sake of inspiring students to learn, many WC graduates transform their classrooms into theaters, where they perform as actors, magicians, and acrobats. They demonstrated this in song, dance, and other merrymaking during a recent reunion of alumni in the field of education hosted by professors Tom McHugh and Sean O Connor.

Sean O Connor, professor of education, pulls a few teaching tricks out of his hat as Douglass Gates '59 looks on.

Tom McHugh, chair of Washington College's education department from 1969 to 1973, was standing on a chair in front of the classroom playing his banjo. His audience of alumni educators and administrators, students, and their parents joined in terpsichorean motion and choral refrain as instructed. Sean O Connor, chair of the College's education department since 1979, a.k.a. "Professor Chokemchild," dashed around in tails and top hat, shushing and scolding the same class. "Facts, not fun!"

Sylvia Kuhner Baer '71, an English professor at Gloucester College in Sewell, NJ, raised her hand. "Joy in learning is not frivolous, but essential," she argued. Other hands shot up, up and down the rows of desks, and lively discussion ensued. Professors McHugh and O Connor recognized each of their former students as they stood to recite the reasons why they teach, the experiences that have impacted the way they teach, and how they keep the delicate balance of facts and fun, careful order and creative disorder, in their classrooms.

Colleen Spivey-Ireland '70 has loved being a science teacher at Dundalk High School in Baltimore for 29 years. Allison Cooksey Highland '72 hated standing in front of a class, so she founded Universal Gymnastics, Inc., in Annapolis where she tumbles around with her 700 current stu-

dents. Chris Santa Maria '85, who began his career keeping long traditions and strict discipline at a boys' military school, now is initiating interdisciplinary collaborative teaching programs at Harriton High School in Pennsylvania. John Billingslea '89 found that his ambitions for his class were often frustrated by administrative red tape at Franklin High School in Baltimore County. "I couldn't beat them," John shrugged, "so I decided to join them by getting my own degree in education administration."

After lunch, alumni educators proceeded to a professional conference in the Casey Academic Center. A sampling of the presentations: Sarah Mumford Cass '64, recipient of the DAR's Outstanding Teacher Award, dressed in period costume and told "How to Organize a Civil War Living History Day." Michelle Balze, 1989 Sophie Kerr Prize recipient, asked the conference the same question she asks her student writers at Essex and Anne Arundel community colleges: "Where Am I Going? Where Have I Been?" Bruce Katz '76, veteran middle school principal, introduced a national pilot program called "High Performance Instruction." Karen Hinson '88, recently recognized by C-SPAN as a Champion Teacher, illustrated how to use the Internet as a classroom vehicle for time and space travel.

This reunion of alumni in the field of education was sponsored by the Alumni Council as part of its new program "There Is Life After Liberal Arts" which brings together alumni and students who share the same academic major for practical discussions about professional opportunities and personal choices.

Hall of Famers (from left to right): lacrosse stars G.P. Lindsay '78, Dicky Grieves '83 and Bob Lipsitz '84, pitcher Steve Raynor '73, and soccer and baseball standout Paul Brown '74.

Athletes Join Hall of Fame

Five former student-athletes entered the hallowed realm of the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame last October. Inducted were lacrosse stars G.P. Lindsay '78, Dicky Grieves '83 and Bob Lipsitz '84, pitcher Steve Raynor '73, and soccer and baseball standout Paul Brown '74.

Three-time All-American midfielder Lindsay played in two post-season NCAA tournaments and was twice named Hero's Midfielder of the Year. In 1978, when the team fell to UMBC in the semifinals, he led the team in scoring with 32 goals and was recognized as USILA Midfielder of the Year. He is president of Progressive Title Corporation, a real estate settlement company in Arnold, MD.

Grieves was another exceptional midfielder, racking up 120 goals and 91 assists in his career. He played for Coach Bryan Matthews '75 on teams that reached NCAA postseason play three times, including the 1982 squad that lost a 9-8 overtime heartbreaker to Hobart in the championship game. He was twice named to First Team All-American status and was the 1983 USILA Midfielder of the Year. He is a stockbroker for H.C. Wainwrights & Co. in Easton, MD.

Lipsitz, a high-scoring crease attackman, led the 1954 team to a national co-championship with Syracuse University, in the Laurie Cox Division of collegiate lacrosse. That year, on the basis of a point system to determine team rankings, Washington College was ranked fifth nationally, along with Princeton and Syracuse, and Lipsitz was voted the team's MVP. Trained as a lawyer, he recently retired from the Department of Defense, where he was a program analyst.

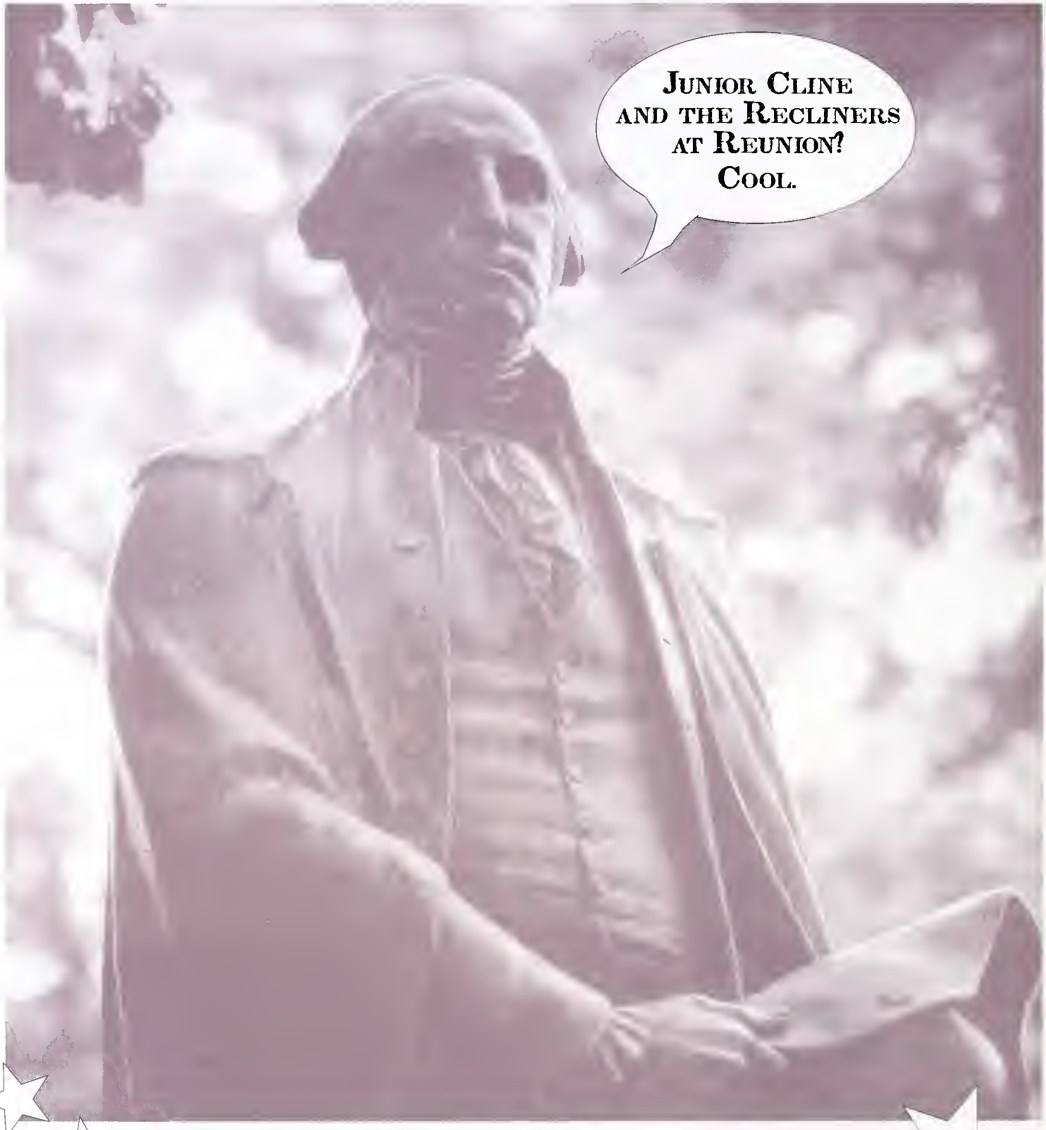
Raynor has the distinction of being the first and only WC pitcher to throw a perfect game. It was his college debut in 1970, a 3-0 matchup against Swarthmore. Raynor earned MVP honors and post-season All-Conference honors all four years, and led the Shoremen to a conference co-championship in 1972. He was twice named the MAC's outstanding pitcher. He is a case manager at the Leary Educational Foundation, aiding troubled adolescent boys.

Brown's speed and agility made him a star performer on the soccer field and at second base. He led the soccer team to six championship playoff games in the Mason-Dixon and Middle Atlantic Conferences, and an NCAA invitation for postseason play. He was named to four All-Conference Teams and the All-South All-American squad. In baseball, he was an excellent fielder and a strong baserunner. After serving in the Peace Corps in Africa, Brown earned his doctorate in French literature. He is an associate professor of French and director for study abroad at Clark Atlanta University.

NETWORK

Black Alumni Reunite

In November, students hosted an evening reception for many alumni of color who accepted their invitation to visit campus and discuss current campus issues. This event, spearheaded by Colleena Wiseman '99, was sponsored by the Diversity Planning Task Force and the Alumni Office. Pictured here are Dawn Israel '93, twins Curtina '95 and Curtia Arnold '95, and Yvette Hynson '93.



Saturday, May 22, 1999

A Revolutionary Reunion

Alumni, families, and friends are invited to enlist in Washington's Revolutionary Army (as represented by Philadelphia Colonial's educators and entertainers) encamped on the College lawn. Nationally renowned Washington scholar Dr. Don Higgenbotham will address our loyal troops. Then all are invited to join George and Martha for the evening's starlit repast and cotillion with Jr. Cline and the Recliners. Seven hundred were seated for Reunion dinner 1998. Regiments are requested to make reservations as soon as your Reunion packages are received. For more information, please call the Alumni Office at (800) 422-1782.

1935

ELLIS C. DWYER
taught math and coached at Chester High from 1935 to 1942 then at Radner from 1942 to 1974. He has 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His oldest grandchild is a medical doctor.

AL GAROINER
writes that his wife, Mildred, died on December 19, 1998. Mildred often accompanied her husband to Reunion weekends and enjoyed her visits to campus.

1937

ROBERT B. WHITE
is still going strong, putting in 25 miles a week on a treadmill and an exercycle at a cardiac rehabilitation center in Salisbury, MD. He sees classmate Charles Berry '36 occasionally while out shopping. His family is in great shape with two married children, three married grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He and his wife Evelyn have a grand time traveling. Robert will be 82 in February.

1938

CHARLES BENHAM
writes, "After a decade and a half of busy but enjoyable retirement, it was wonderful to say hello again to many classmates at our 60th reunion. And here's another hello to those who couldn't make it."

MARGARET WALTERS CARROLL
and her husband, William, enjoyed the class of '38's 60th reunion and the rededication of William Smith Hall.

BILL DOERING
celebrated his 84th birthday by passing a host of physical exams with good marks.

LEON D. HOROWITZ
enjoyed a happy 60th reunion with good friends. He continues to operate Camp Skylemar, a boys' sports camp in Maine.

1939

DR. GEORGE M. EISENTROUT
has been elected president of the Washington State Retired Teachers Association. He will assume the presidency of this 16,000-member association in June 1999. In 1979 George completed 31 years of teaching and administrative work in Washington's schools plus two years in Delaware schools. He spent five years in the military during World War II.

BERNICE SMITH HOLSINGER
writes, "I hope more of the Class of '39 will be back for our 60th reunion than were there for our 50th! Jean Richardson Davis '39 and I were the only gals among a handful of the fellows."

CLARENCE L. KIBLER
and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 25, 1998.

1940

ROBERT L. EVERETT
and his wife, Eve, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on August 18, 1998. They have two children, Robert L. and Martha Lynn. Both are teachers in Smyrna, DE, schools.

1942

ROBERT CARTER
reports he is "still healthy, busy, happy!"

HENRY F. MAGUIRE, MD
writes that son Michael is practicing pediatric orthopedics in Ventura, CA, and that he and wife, Kath, had an interesting river boat trip to Russia last year.

1946

ELIZABETH (BETTY) BLACKWAY RUFF
"had a wonderful trip west this fall to see the national parks and canyons, Mount Rushmore and all the beautiful scenery of the seven-state area. In contrast with the glitter of Las Vegas and the sight and sound of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, it was a marvelous journey!"

Elizabeth Schmidt McGuinnes '33 (left) visited campus last fall during Homecoming to watch her grandniece, Kate Snyder '00, play volleyball. She is pictured here with her brother-in-law Carroll Snyder and Dorothy Woodall Myers '24.

1947

PAT BACON GRESSITT
said he "didn't realize how much fun reunions could be until I listened to the tall tales told to my daughter Lyell by friends who remembered ex-pilots that I'd deleted from my memory bank. Hope to make it in '99."

1949

Our 50th Reunion goal is a 50% increase in class donations to the WC Fund.

1951

ROBERT O. JOHNSON
and his wife, Iola, '52 live in River Bend, NC, just off Route 17, the Ocean Highway. "Babe" invites anyone going north or south, "please call and drop by and say hello. Our number is (252) 637-9430."

1952

JAMES R. TRADER
writes "I'm still doing research on the Traders in America for a book I hope to publish. I served four years as president, and currently am vice president, of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc., an organization dedicated to the protection and preservation in human burial sites threatened daily with destruction. As part of this work I have recorded the location of 625 burial sites in Wicomico and Worcester counties. Regards to all my classmates and friends."

1953

STEPHEN J. MACHALE, JR.
says he's still enjoying the good life in retirement, golfing only on days that end in 'y.'

1954

Our 45th Reunion goal is 45 Class donors to the WC Fund. We need 14 new donors!

ROBERT LIPSITZ
was inducted into the Washington College Hall of Fame on October 3, 1998.

Ed McCalley '41 and his wife Charlotte '41 met with John '48 and Flor Russell '49 in Copenhagen on August 13, 1998, for an 18-day tour of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. John and Charlotte are brother and sister.

MARY LEE LINCOLN McINTYRE
had an unusual professional year traveling and working in Serbia, Belarus, and Kazikstan for the US Agency for International Development. She is looking forward to her 45th reunion in May.

1955

JOHN P. BERGEN
has been retired for four years. He has five grandchildren and plays golf all the time with poor results! He and his wife, Carol, divide their time between Westfield, NY, and Vero Beach, FL. He sends his best to everyone at WC!

ROY MACDONALD
retired in 1995 and is spending time doing volunteer work and playing golf (as much as Minnesota weather allows one to golf). He also spends time golfing in South Carolina, Florida, and Hawaii.

THOMAS C. SHORT
is planning to retire in June of 1999 after 41 years as a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

1959

Our 40th Reunion goal is 59 class donors to the WC Fund. We need all our loyal supporters and 14 new donors!

RICHARD REILLY
and his wife, Ellen Reilly '59, write that the following classmates have made reservations for their 40th reunion this May 21-23: Anne Funkey Barnett, Rena Knickerbocker Beall, Bob Belsey, Ken Braddock, Lois Fuchs Clark, Don Clausen, Nancy Wayson Clayton, Bill Coleman, Anne Samuels Cook, Ron Cook, Bruce Cooper, Sally Ann Groome Cooper, Tom Crouse, Bill Ditman, Charlie Downs, Bob Emory, Doug Gates, Nancy Mullikin Greenberg, Janet Little Hardy, Jim Holloway, Peggy Leverage Hopkins, Ann Jones Hunter, Mel Hunter, Clarke Johnson, Toni Stallone Lenane, Ellen Jo Sterling Litsinger, Jane Raynor Massey, Betty Baird Meese, Bill Miller, Ed Mitnick, Bob Moore, Don Morway, Phyllis Burgess Morway, Ron O'Leary, Willie Pfeiffer, Jim Pickett, Joan Russell Pilcher, Jim Potter, Ellen Green Reilly, Ollie Robinson, Jim Scout, Bob Tyson, Bob Wilson, and Judy McCready Yoskosky. "It's going to be a great time. There are a few missing classmates we are still hoping to hear from for the *Pegasus Revisited* — please return your questionnaires now."

1960

WALTER BAKER
(D) won reelection to the State Senate (District 36) in the State of Maryland.

DAVID FENIMORE
underwent a heart transplant operation in June, became a grandfather that same month, and retired in July after 29 years with the federal government. He is enjoying retirement very much.

LYNN PHILLIPS WIGTON
is still living in Wilmington, DE, with her husband, John, and son, John. A junior at Tatnall School, young John wants to go to Washington College and play lacrosse.

1962

JOHN P. CONSAGA
retired from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head, after 30 years and then established his own consulting business, Consaga and Associates Division for Propellant Consulting.

JOHN P. LITTLEJOHN
retired from the CIA two years ago but has continued his affiliation with the agency as a part-time consultant. His less hectic schedule has permitted him and his wife Terri to travel more, particularly to see their grandson in North Carolina. A special treat this summer was to join fellow alumni Mel '64 and Adah Walker '65 for a week of whitewater rafting on Idaho's Snake River.

1963

JUDITH RANCOURT
is still enjoying the good life in Florida. "I hope to make it to reunion one of these years, especially after being back in touch with some pals from the past."

1964

Our 35th Reunion goal is a 64% increase in class donations to the WC Fund.

SARAH MUMFORD CASS
is a teacher of 8th-grade American History at EN Pierce Middle School in West Chester, PA, where she has taught for the past 12 years. In 1995, she was honored by the DAR as the most outstanding teacher of American History in the State of Pennsylvania. She has also been named to the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

1967

MARK SCHULMAN
helped to organize and chair a Washington panel on "Polls and Scandal, from Watergate to Clintongate," sponsored by the American Association for Public Opinion Research and The Freedom Forum. The panel was aired by C-SPAN.

1968

SUZANNE B. KALAN
says it was wonderful to see so many members of the class of 1968 at her 30th reunion in May. Last April, she received her Ed.D. from Florida International University, in Curriculum and Instruction.

William B. Johnson '40, a retired railroad executive and member of the College's Board of Visitors and Governors, celebrated his 80th birthday at Hynson-Ringgold House with a train cake crafted by the College Dining Services.

1969

Our 30th Reunion goal is to increase class donations to the WC Fund by $6,900.

RICHARD L. HARRINGTON
retired a year ago after 29 years with the federal government. After six years in New York, eight years in Virginia, ten years in Atlanta, and five years in New Jersey, he and wife, Dawn, moved to Mount Airy, NC, which he says was the model for Andy Griffith's town of Mayberry. "Dawn started up two businesses, which have kept us hopping. Our son Daric is a sophomore at NC State and our daughter April (the extra point kicker for the varsity boys' football team) is a high school senior hoping to attend the Air Force Academy. We're pretty busy, but it sure beats getting up at 4:45 a.m. to commute to NYC. It seems like 100 years since I've been to WC - I hope to get back soon. If anyone wants to say hi!—please e-mail me at rlhretired@yahoo.com."

PAMELA KNELLER WINBURN
is an administrative assistant for the Canadian office of North Carolina Department of Commerce in Toronto, Canada. She and her husband, Charles Winburn, who is deputy U. S. trade consul, have been assigned to Kuwait.

1970

DAVID S. BRUCE
was appointed by Gov. Parris Glendening as an associate judge of the District Court for Anne Arundel County, MD, on August 4, 1998.

LINDA S. ORNSBY
has joined AMI Capital, Inc., a nationwide mortgage lender, in its Los Angeles office as a senior loan administrator in charge of their commercial mortgage transactions and loan processing. She has been in commercial real estate for the last seven years.

COLLEEN SPIVEY-IRELAND
completed her 29th year at her high school and is looking forward to retiring from teaching next year. "Perhaps I'll be pursuing my next career in some type of horticulture business or as a physician's assistant. My choices are endless."

Peggy '46 and Dick Steffans '43 enjoyed dancing at the Alumni Gala held last October at the Old South Country Club in Lothian, MD.

B I R T H S

To Bill Hallam '76 and wife, Cathy, a daughter, Christina Elaine, on June 4, 1998.

To Margaret Handle St. Jean '80 and husband, Steven, a son, Philip Ball, on June 29, 1998. Philip joins big brothers Peter, Paul, and Andrew, and big sisters Mary Elizabeth and Anne Elise.

To Charlie '81 and Amanda Curtis, a son, Charles P. Curtis, on April 27, 1998.

To Mary Van Tuyl Giorgis '81 and husband Mulugeta, a daughter, Libbie Ruth Giorgis, on December 27, 1998. Libbie joins big sister Maaza, age 11, and big brother Tesfai, age 10.

To Sarah Mawson-Fechtner '82 and husband, Lawrence, a daughter, Hannah Nash Fechtner, on May 27, 1997.

To Christopher Coffin Perry '82 and wife Stacie, a daughter, Hannah Louise Perry, on May 29, 1998.

To Todd Harman '84 and wife Vandy, a son, Christopher, on December 9, 1998. Christopher joins twin brothers Matt and Ben, born on May 6, 1997.

To Mary Beth Pohlman Walker '85 and husband, Michael, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Walker, on June 26, 1997. Caroline joins big brothers Charlie and Henry.

To Shelley Horne Ferris '86 and husband Craig, a daughter, Sarah Virginia, on July 10, 1998, in Melbourne, FL.

To Bryan Saddler '86 and wife Paula Carlson Saddler '86, a daughter, Teresa (Tess) Gillian, on October 21, 1998.

To Kristin Murphy Brightbill '87 and husband Matthew, a son, Jacob "Jake" Brightbill, on May 3, 1998. Jake joins big brother Andrew, age six.

To Christian H. Engle '87 and wife Michele, a daughter, Camille Morgan, on November 6, 1998. Camille joins big sister, Grace, age three and a half.

To Pat McMenamin '87 and wife Debbie Kirkpatrick McMenamin '88, a son, Connor Lloyd McMenamin, on August 5, 1998. Connor joins big sister Catelyn, age four.

To Beth Munder Becker '88 and Eric Becker '89, a son, Blake Munder Becker, on October 19, 1998. Blake joins big brother Troy, age three and a half.

To Alden Caldwell Gaines '88 and Tommy Gaines '86, a son, Evan Lee Wilson Gaines, on June 9, 1998. Evan joins big sister Ellie and big brother Carlson.

To Ruth Davidson Schaller '88 and husband Chip '89, a daughter, Emma, on August 26, 1998.

To Denise O'Connell Cantner '90 and husband Sean, a son, Aaron Michael, on August 12, 1998. Aaron joins big sister Jayde Alexis, age three.

To Catherine Cole Sarno '92 and Douglas Sarno '92, a son, Matthew Douglas, on October 4, 1998. Matthew joins big sister Sarah, age three.

To Tracy Greenawalt Wilson '92 and husband Patrick, a son, Patrick Kernan Wilson Jr., on August 5, 1998.

To Susan Doyle '94 and husband, Kevin Doyle '92, a son, Brendan B. Doyle, on January 5, 1998.

To Kouri Coleman Miller '96 and her husband Greg Miller '95, a son, Grant Thomas, on January 7, 1999.

Arnie Sten '58 suited up for the Alumni vs. Sho'men baseball game in October.

1972

C.A. HUTTON
won a gold medal in the swimming race at the fifth Gay Games held in Amsterdam last summer. He expects to swim in Gay Games VI in Sydney in 2002.

MARTHA SCHLIPP GOUND
sends greetings from Oak Ridge, TN. "Dennis and I have survived the numerous layoffs and are still employed. Kathy is a sophomore in college this year and Mary is a senior in high school."

ALLISON COOKSEY HYLAND
has owned and operated a gymnastics school specializing in young children ages eight months to ten years, for the past 22 years. Her program currently serves 700 students. She has two children, ages 17 and 13.

SUSAN LUSTER
has been hired as executive director of the North Carolina Solar Energy Association, a statewide organization promoting the use of renewable energy. "Still enjoying living in my solar house and publishing *Carolina Sun*."

DAVID MERRITT
is the Aquarium General Curator at the Indianapolis Zoo. The collection includes dolphins, seals, sea lions, walruses, fish, and invertebrates. Dave participated in the capture of the dolphins in Florida and the walrus in Alaska. Dave's wife, Amy Collings Merritt '77, is a sixth grade science and social studies teacher in Greenwood, IN. Their three daughters—Sarah, age 16, and Haley and Anne, age 12—are active in sports and the performing arts.

LYNN PURITZ WENTZELL
was the recipient of a Fulbright Teacher Exchange grant. She, her son Joshua (a freshman at Wilmington Friends School, where Lynn is Dean of Students) and daughter Emily (who deferred her entrance to Johns Hopkins for a year to accompany the family) lived in Mexico City for the first semester of the school year.

1973

JOHN DIMSDALE
and his wife, Claire, live outside of Washington, DC, where they are coping with empty nest syndrome—their son Taylor is a sophomore at Syracuse University. John is Washington bureau chief for Marketplace, Public Radio International's show about business and finance. "One reason I love this job is I get to hear from old college colleagues around the country who hear me on the radio. Plus I live close enough to enjoy frequent visits to the Eastern Shore."

TOM WASHINGTON
says he has a lot of fun running an international marketing business and dealing with all types of people from around the world.

1974

Our 25th Reunion goal is a 25% increase over our last year's class gift to the WC Fund.

JOE GETTY
(R) won reelection to the House of Delegates from Carroll County, MD (District 5).

LISA TURNER
flew her airplane on a 4,000-mile journey throughout the Northeast to see family and friends this past summer. Lisa built her airplane in her garage over a period of 20 months. The plane cruises at 160 MPH and carries two people. Lisa is director of human resources for Sensormatic Corporation in Boca Raton, FL.

1975

BARBARA COOPER GORROW
thinks this might shock a few of her professors, but at Broadneck High School she's teaching honors English classes and actually getting her students to understand Shakespeare. "Making the switch from middle school to high school was what I should have done years ago!"

MARY McNULTY
has been working as a journalist in the Chicago area for the past 20 years. She recently published her first book, *A Native's Guide to Chicago*, 3rd edition, co-written with Sharon Woodhouse. She also writes restaurant reviews for the *Daily Herald*, a large suburban daily newspaper. She says that although they do get soft-shell crabs there, she returns to Baltimore every year or so for the steamed variety. "They just can't do those right anywhere else!"

1976

KEVIN COOMER
is a Washington College parent. "Washington College means so much more now that my daughter Stephanie goes here. You don't realize how good the memories are until you come back. It's inspired me to go back for an MBA. And hi to Linda Hamilton '78, whom no one believes I knew."

James C. Flippin '62 was in fine shape to finish the Chicago Marathon on October 11, 1998—his 61st marathon competition. He reports that his son Michael graduated from Boston University in '97 and works in Hanover, MA. His daughter Lucy Lee graduated from Georgia Southern University in '98 and teaches fourth grade in Hinesville, GA.

ROBIN CLINE MITCHELL
is renovating an old home in Salisbury, MD, and teaching art at Woodsen Middle School in Crisfield. "Last May I went to Egypt, visiting Cairo and Luxor, examining ancient sites in both areas, making new friends, and bringing back art resources for the school. To all my friends from WC when visiting the Eastern Shore, come visit!"

1977

JOHN CHEEK
was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in February. Bryan Matthews '75 was his presenter.

GLEN ST. GEORGE
reports that his oldest son, Jason, is a freshman in college. His youngest son, Kiel, is a sophomore in high school. He and his wife, Joanne, say, "Hi to Pete Lane '77, Tom Eskey '77, Wayne Warren '77, Archie Hoyt '78 and the rest of the gang."

MITCHELL S. ZAK
says hi to all his classmates and friends and asks the question "Where is Larry Foy '77?"

1978

NEAL OLDFORD
has been chosen by Beringer Wine Estates and Madeleine Kamman to attend the School for American Chefs in St. Helena, CA. He is one of 10 distinguished chefs handpicked by chef Madeleine Kamman to spend two weeks of intensive training with her.

SANDY SCHOLAR
is a staff attorney for the Office of General Counsel in Washington, DC.

1979

Our 20th Reunion goal is 20 new donors to the WC Fund. We ask loyal contributors to encourage non-donor classmates to chip in and show up on May 22.

JEAN DIXON SANDERS
was commissioned by Kayser-Roth Hosiery to paint a series of four paintings to be used in an international advertising campaign. She will be hosting a Reid Hall Red Hot Reunion in March. Attending will be Maura Kelly Rogers '79, Victoria Gadsen Marsh '79, Daphne Fogg Siegal '81, Emily Morris '82, Mimi Gugerty Wood '79, Shirl Renkenberger '81, and Ruth Christenson O'Neill '81.

1980

ELIZABETH A. MONTCALM-SMITH
and her husband, Chris, live in Kensington, MD, where she is stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. Chris is stationed at the Naval Academy.

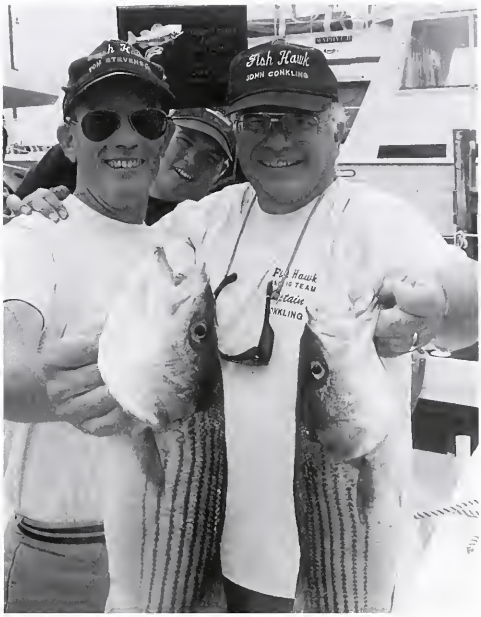
1981

LEE ANN CHEARNEY
is a book producer at Amaranth in Oxford, MD.

CHARLIE CURTIS
and his wife, Amanda, have been enjoying their son, Charles P. Curtis, and have stayed in close touch with Charlie Jr.'s godfather and their neighbor, Peter Jenkins '82.

1982

DOUGLAS BROWN
and his wife, JoAnn, recently were named in INC Magazine's list of 500 Fastest Growing Private Companies in the United States. This year their company, STE-DEL Services of TX, Inc., expanded locations to include Denver, CO, and Chicago, IL.



Teammates Tom Stevenson '72 (left) and John Conkling '65 took first place in WC's first Alumni and Friends Rockfish Tournament in October.

JONATHAN GREEN
is married with four children, and works as a commercial real estate broker with KLNB in Baltimore, MD.

(From left) H. Hurtt Deringer '59, Neil Brayton, Ed Athey '67, and Barry Drew '70 won first place in the 1998 Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament last fall. Brayton is the two-time club champion at Chester River Yacht & Country Club, where the annual tourney is held.

CHRISTOPHER COFFIN PERRY
writes "all is well on Nantucket. Occasionally see a friendly WC face, including Tommy 'Pete Sampras' Adams '84 who played in Nantucket's annual Columbus Weekend tennis tournament with his wife, Marie."

DAVE POINTON
is doing well in Minnesota. "No, I didn't vote for Jesse 'the Body' Ventura." He lives with wife, Mary Lou, and children Kelly, age 8, Rachel, age 6, and Jackson, age 3. Dave is in marketing for 3M's Traffic Safety Division and received his MBA from the University of St. Thomas' Executive MBA program.

1983

HEATHER "HEP" FULTON
says "living across from WC is great! Courtney, age 12, is involved in sports and band, and is mother's helper for Susie Chase Wittich '90. Taught summer school at Kent County High School and tutor part-time. Stop in when you come back!"

MELANIE PULLEN GNESS
is president of T. Alexander and Associates Public Relations and Legislative Consulting. She is also serving as chair of policy committee for a gubernatorial candidate. "Thanks to Dr. Taylor for providing a good government relations foundation!"

VICTORIA HAGAN
was profiled in the November issue of *House Beautiful* as part of the next wave of interior designers.

1984

Our 15th Reunion goal is 15 new donors. If you did not make a gift in FY 1998, please support our class with a gift to the WC Fund before May 20, 1999.

TINSLEY BELCHER
is married, has a seven-year-old daughter, and is teaching English at Delaware Technical and Community College.

BARRY GLASSMAN
(R) won the election to the Maryland House of Delegates from Harford County (District 35A) as the top vote-getter. Erica Spiegle, a junior political science major at WC, is working as his intern this spring semester.

KAREN PERKINSON MCGEE & KELLY HARDESTY PHIPPS
are looking forward to seeing old friends at their 15th reunion in May. They write "mark your calendars now for May 21–23!"

MICHELE E. McKAY
is teaching at her old middle school. "Nothing like returning to your roots. I teach seventh- and eighth-grade computer literacy as well as oversee the yearbook committee and drama club. It's great to be working with middle school children."

NATALIE BROWN MCKNIGHT
has been promoted to associate professor and acting chairman of Humanities and Rhetoric at the College of General Studies at Boston University where she has also been awarded the 1998-99 Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award.

(From left) Billy Williams '76, Rob Stribling '77, Peter Murphy '86 and Jerry Moye (not pictured) teamed up to win third place in the 1998 Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament.

Some kids never grow up. Classmates Jack "Steiny" Steinhart '72 and Lynn Leonhardt Mielke '72 dressed for the occasion while on vacation in Aruba in December 1998.

FANNIE H. SHENK
writes "I'm looking forward to our 15th reunion. Hope everyone is planning on coming!"

1985

LISA GRIFFITH MANCARI
moved into a new house in Newark, DE, with her husband and three dogs. "All of us have settled in nicely. I'm working as Director of Regulatory Compliance for a drug delivery company and have been enjoying traveling on business to Sweden, France, and other interesting destinations. I also wanted to send my best wishes to Susie Vrba '87 and Mary Brown '87. I can be reached on e-mail at lgmancari@hotmail.com."

CHRIS SANTA MARIA
is deeply involved in the school restructuring program in his district. He is participating in an interdisciplinary collaboration for American history and English literature for the eleventh grade.

Masters 1985

ILHYUNG LEE
lives in Columbia, MO, and has joined the faculty of the University of Missouri Law School.

1986

KAREN DURM OWEN
says she can't wait to return to Chestertown during May Day weekend '99 for Tammy Tiehel's '86 wedding!

CATHERINE UNGER SMITH
is loving life in Ellicott City, MD. In addition to being a wife to Geoff and mother to Walker, age 5, and Mallory, age 2, Cathy is the community projects director for the Howard County YMCA. Still teaching aerobics five days a week, she started her own fitness company providing on-site aerobics to business organizations in the Ellicott City area.

PATRICIA VERVIER STARKEY
writes "the summer was filled with weddings of WC grads—Peggy Hoffman '84, Joe Dubose '88 to Jean Ames '94, Jennifer Vervier '90. All these wonderful gatherings were full of WC alumni. Zoelynne Weil Sursock '86 visited from Greece and got together at my home with Rod Hickey '86, Colleen Deegan '88, Lorna Moloney Dreker '88 and Andy Overdorff Croney '88."

TAMMY TIEHEL
lives in Los Angeles, CA, where she works as a documentary producer for KAOS Entertainment. She is writing her own feature film script which she hopes to produce.

1987

SANDRA FREEMAN CANNON
is employed by the Upper Shore Manufacturing & Business Council located at Chesapeake College as the employer incentive fund program coordinator. She is responsible for promoting

middle school and high school students by establishing activities that connect businesses with local school systems. The Council serves all five Maryland Upper Shore counties. She is proud to report that she is the grandmother of three wonderful grandchildren.

CHRIS DIPIETRO
is the representative in Annapolis, MD, of the Association of Finance Companies.

CHRISTIAN H. ENGLE
has been promoted to President of Commercial Air Conditioning, Inc.

SUSAN KOLLS
is now Program Director for first-year engineering students at Northeastern University. She lives in North Reading, MA, with her husband, Neadson, and daughter, Zoe. She can be reached at smkolls@coe.neu.edu.

ANNE DOWNING LANDEVERE
received her degree from UMBC in modern languages and linguistics. She has two children—Austin, age seven, and Alexis, age six.

DICK WILLIAMS
is living in Mt. Pleasant, SC, with his wife, Laura, and son, Harrison, age three. Another child is on the way. Dick represents a California-based investment advisory firm. He says they enjoy the water and the mild temperatures of South Carolina. "It sure beats chipping ice off the windshield!"

1988

PAULA PISCIOTTA DEVINE
resides in Baltimore, MD, and works for Linwoods Due Catering in Owings Mills as a catering director. She has reduced her hours to part-time in recent years in order to stay home with her two daughters Ann, age 2½, and Elizabeth, age 1, for what she says is her "most important job." She works with fellow alumna Marnie Cummins '88, and keeps in touch with Erica Munske '88 and Chris Doherty '87.

KAREN HINSON
was recognized as a "Champion Teacher" by C-SPAN. As a result she will be working with teachers to integrate C-SPAN resources into their classrooms.

LAURA KERBIN
will complete a fellowship in medical oncology in June 1999 and will be joining a multi-specialty practice in Nassawoodox, VA, this summer. She bought a home, built in 1813, in Onancock, VA.

ROBERT KUHN
sends "congratulations to Al Hepting '88 whose personal advice to Peter Angelos caused the overdue benching of Cal Ripken Jr. Kudos to Ed Conrad '88 for just being you, you big lug!"

1989

Our 10th Reunion goal is a total of $10,000 in class gifts to the WC Fund.

MICHELE BALZE
teaches composition and composition through literature at Essex Community College and Anne Arundel Community College. She also has begun literacy volunteer work through the Anne Arundel Literacy Council.

JOHN BILLINGSLEA
writes that "after spending several years teaching out west (Montana and Oregon), my wife and I, along with my stepdaughter, moved back to my hometown of Norrisville to live on the family farm. Since then, I have been teaching for Baltimore County, started a kayaking business, and added another beautiful daughter to the family."

MARRIAGES

Pamela A. Kneller '69 to Charles T. Winburn on August 29, 1998 in Ontario, Canada.

Neal Oldford '78 to Colette Post on October 12, 1998 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Sarah Woodson Clark '90 to Michael Forhane on July 28, 1998 in the garden at home in Kentmore Park.

Marlene Bruce '89 to Milton Edward "Butch" Powell III on August 2, 1998 at Westminster Hall in Baltimore, MD.

Chris Kleberg '93 to Kimberly Catherine Tesoro on July 4, 1998. In attendance were 15 WC alums, including several Phi Delts. The couple is living on the King Ranch in Brazil.

Anne Elizabeth Andrews '89 to Michael Allen Province on July 18, 1998, at the Charles Carroll House in Annapolis, MD. Washington College alumni in attendance included Adrienne Cupka Helgerman '89 and Dan Helgerman '91, Jenniter Korten '89, and Luke Short '89. The coupled honeymooned in Turkey and now reside on their sailboat, the EbbTide. They are currently sailing from Annapolis to the Bahamas via the IntraCoastal Waterway, and hope to sail into Chestertown for Anne's 10th-year reunion.

MARRIAGES

Anastasia E. Vendelis '92 to Michael J. Kilma on December 27, 1998, in Baltimore, MD. They honeymooned in Barbados and now reside in Cockeysville, MD.

Adriane Alane Beane '92 to Peter Hansen Jons '93 on September 5, 1998, in Potomac, MD. The couple resides in Bethesda, MD.

Christopher Eaton '96 to Stephanie Gaulin on September 13, 1997.

Belinda McLeod '93 and Kevin Quinn '90 were married on September 12, 1998, in Greenwich, CT. Kara Wiesenbaugh Smart '93, Kelly Doherty Sanchez '93, and Bethany Wilson Manos '93 were bridesmaids. Chris Sanchez '93, Andrew Manos '94, and Hank Miller '90 were groomsmen. Also in attendance were Lizzy O'Hara '93, Melissa Harmeyer '93, Christy Albright Nobel '93, Heather Mayr Tackney '93, Chris Cote '94, Rob Noble '90, Rich Wood '90, and Chris Deegan '89. The couple honeymooned in Italy for two weeks.

Carolyn Athey '93 and Kevin Harms '97 were married on November 14, 1998, in Chestertown, MD. WC alumni in attendance were Lisa Athey '96, Ed M. Athey '67, Ed L. Athey '47, Julie Athey '93, Charlie Athey '01, Trams Hollingsworth '75, Meredith Davies Hadaway M'96, Mackey Metcalfe Dutton '51, Chuck Waesche '53, Don Derham '48, Anne Cleaver '57, Bob Cleaver '58, John Parker '55, Bill MacHale '48, Sarah DeKuyper '93, Sarah White Slenker '94, Jane Kennedy Mack '93, Melana Walker '94, Eleanor Shriver '93, Chris Maier '96, Chris Holmes, Greg Byrnes '97, Todd Harrison '97, Perry Holland '98, Jamison Miller '98, Kevin Wakelee '97, Andy Moore '98, Bart Jaeger '96, Joe Coale '93, Bryan Matthews '75, Sue Dunning Matthews '75, Ron Sisk '56, Day Sisk '64, Bruce Jaeger '66, Al Streelman '69, Shelly Mangold Gearhart '93, Jim Chalfant '67, Bettye Chalfant '71, Dr. John Conkling '65, Sandy Conkling '65, Chris Jones '94, Julie Lippke Jones '94, Syd Ashley '92, Dee Matthews Newman '69, Seth Powell '90, Sally Campbell Powell '91, Phyllis Dondorf Marsh '71, and John Balentine '74.

Julie Lippke Jones '94 and Christopher C. Jones '94 were married on October 11, 1997, in Ridgefield, CT. Some of the alumni in attendance were Al Streelman '69, John Conkling '65, Basil Wadkovsky '61, Kirby Smith '48, Peggy Smith '46, and Jen Hagey '95.

NEAL BOULTON
is a design consultant for special projects at Time, Inc. in New York City. In addition to his design work on books and magazines, Neal has started teaching a new graduate course at the Columbia School of Journalism, focusing on the role of design as a communication tool.

ERIKA DEL PRIORE
Matt Wilson '89, Sara Johnson Hoffman '89, Andy Webb '89, and Tom Conaty '89 write "it's been 10 years—see you all (class of '89) May 21–23 for Reunion!"

TODD KARR
is employed by Transamerica in Dallas, TX, as an agent in their real estate tax service office. He's having a great time in Texas and is planning to be back in Chestertown for his 10th Reunion.

OARNELLE SHINGLETON PHILLIPS
is a claims attorney with the St. Paul Insurance Company. "I still get to travel a lot for work and I would love to hear from friends who have scattered! We are building a house in Stewartsville, PA (which should be finished by the time this goes to print). My daughter, Rachel, age 4, can't wait to move in! Anyone looking for me can find me at the Mount Washington, MD, office of the St. Paul."

ROB SIMMS
writes "we're planning to open the Richmond branch of Hinkle's this spring!"

1990

DENISE D'CONNELL CANTNER
is an Internet Account Manager for Bell Atlantic Internet Solutions Business Sales. Her e-mail address is dcantner@bellatlantic.net/. She looks forward to seeing everyone at their 10th Reunion in 2000.

SARAH CLARK FORHANE
works for Sun Health Corporation at Sun Rise in Elkton, MD, as a staff development coordinator. Her husband, Michael, is the director for facility management at the Benedictine School in Ridgely.

DAN DIEFENDORF
was graduated from the Essex Community College physician's assistant program and is in the process of interviewing for jobs.

1992

JEFFREY R. BAUMAN
writes, "I am still working for St. Paul Surety, but made the move from accounting to bond underwriting about a year and a half ago. As a result, my wife, Lisa, and I recently relocated to Colorado, where I am now working in downtown Denver as an underwriter. We are still adjusting to our new surroundings, but Colorado is treating us well so far. Hopefully an extended family will not be too far down the road. We do miss seeing the gang though. If any of you find yourself in the Denver Metro area or anywhere in Colorado you better give us a call. To those of you who do not already have our number, it is (303) 400-1338."

1993

JUSTIN CANN
moved back to Annapolis, MD, from New Mexico, and is working as a yacht broker at Crusader Yacht Sales.

YVETTE HYNSON
started graduate school in January at the University of Maryland University College to earn her master's degree in non-profit management.

DAWN ISRAEL
was graduated in 1997 with a master of education degree and is in her sixth year at Southwestern High School serving as a special educator.

WHITNEY MYRUS
was delighted to meet President and Mrs. Toll at a neighborhood Christmas party hosted by his boss in Bethesda, MD. Whitney and Elizabeth McLaughlin Myrus '96 have settled in Washington, DC. Whitney is a regional sales director for International Mobil Communications, a satellite cellular service. Elizabeth, a law student at Catholic University, missed the party because she was studying for exams.

The 1983-84 basketball team was honored in October 1998 at the Athletic Hall of Fame dinner. Pictured (from left in front row) are: Kurt Keller, Jeff Yost, Scott Spurrier, Joe Stallings, Lee Keller, Wayne Spurrier, Tom Keefe, (in back) Larry Brandt and Head Coach Tom Finnegan. With a 19-7 record, they were the first men's basketball team to go to the Division III NCAA tournament.

LISA PRUETT
is working as a pediatric nurse practitioner at the East Portland Pediatric Clinic in Portland, OR.

CHRISTOPHER VAUGHN
is working towards a joint degree in international affairs and law at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA.

1994

Our 5th Reunion goal is a $5,000 increase over last year's class total contributed to the WC Fund.

H. CHARLES RIENHOFF
is a homeowner in Denver, CO, where he works with Oppenheimer Funds.

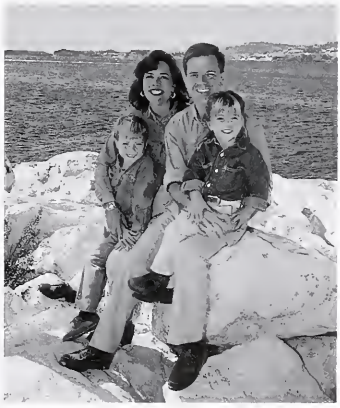
JULIE LIPPKE JONES
and husband, Chris '94, have been extremely busy renovating their new home. Located about 25 minutes outside of Baltimore in Glyndon, MD, the couple already added a big fence for their dog, Berkley.

1995

CURTIA ARNOLD
is working at Ernst & Young in Baltimore as a graphic artist. "I am trying to start my own business and would love to hear from alumni who do the same. My e-mail address is curtia.arnold @ey.com."

CURTINA ARNOLD
is a contract specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Washington, DC.

LISA BROWN
continues to work at the World Bank in Washington, DC, as a functional systems trainer. Outside of her work, she is very involved in lindy hop and swing dancing. Her social crowd includes fellow alums Tony Higgins '95, Greg Coss '92, and Jennifer Dougherty '95. She will be traveling down to Costa Rica in De-



Judi Skelton Spann '84, shown here with her family in front of their Italian Villa on the Bay of Pozzuoli, recently returned from three years in Naples, Italy, where husband Bill was the Navy's public affairs officer (PAO) for Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean. They are now living in Virginia Beach, where Bill is PAO for the Second Fleet. She has gone back to work managing the membership program at the Virginia Marine Science Museum. Son Dylan is five and a half and in kindergarten. Daughter Kirstin, age four, is in pre-K. They are happy to be back in America but miss traveling. While abroad, they visited Greece, Spain, Portugal, England, and Austria, toured all of Italy, and went to three Club Meds.

Vince Maximo (top right) spent a weekend in Camden, ME, in October 1998 with friends Keith Erickson '95, Pat O'Connor '94, Frank Creegan, Marc Renz '94 and Bill Bloom '95.

cember with Tony Higgins '95 and Harrison Gallagher '95 for Tim Stoltzfus's ('93) wedding.

JENNIFER HAGEY
is working for Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals, selling pediatric vaccines. She is living in Perry Hall, MD, and sends a warm hello to all of her friends.

LAURA HEIDEL
is a clinician for Psychotherapeutic Treatment Services in Annapolis, MD. She assists with the development of a program for assertive community treatment for the mentally ill population of Anne Arundel County.

MARLENE BRUCE
is the webmaster for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, College Park. The web site address is www.agnr.umd.edu.

MATT MURRAY
is a foreign service officer at the American Embassy in New Dehli, India. His wife, Sharla Murray '95, works on housing issues for the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA).

1996

MERRITT BURKE
is a graduate student at the University of Delaware.

ALISON DELIBERTO DAX
is living in Martsville, SC, with husband, Chris Dax M'97. Alison is employed with Century 21 Real Estate Company. Chris is the assistant director of student life and head men's soccer coach at Coker College.

CHRISTOPHER EATON
and wife, Stephanie, are expecting their first child in July 1999. Christopher is a filtration specialist for Sexton and Peake, Inc., in Columbia and is pursuing certification as a CPA.

WILLIAM G. LEFTWICH
participated in a large training exercise while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

SHANNON METCALF
and Shawn McMahon '96 are planning a July wedding. Shannon has her master's degree in School Counseling and is working on her Ph.D. in Family Studies at the University of Delaware. She is an elementary school counselor in Cecil County. Shawn is working for MBNA and will finish his MBA from the University of Delaware this May.

KEVIN ROLAND
and wife, Karen Walker Roland '96, are preparing for a tour of duty in Amman, Jordan, beginning in the spring of 1999. Kevin is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Baker Covey '27, a former mathematics teacher at Washington College, died on January 9, 1999, at Friendship Village in Columbus, OH. A native of Chestertown, she was graduated *magna cum laude* from Washington College. She earned a master's degree in mathematics from Columbia University. After retiring from Washington College, she taught at Loyola College in Baltimore. An accomplished pianist, she gave recitals at Washington College while teaching. She is survived by a sister, a niece, and six great nieces and nephews.

A. C. Moore '28 died on October 11, 1998, in Houston, TX.

Mary Russell Warfield '47 died on April 1, 1998.

John Dudley "Buddy" Sparks, Jr. '56, a retired schoolteacher, died on August 29, 1998. A lifelong resident of Chester, MD, Sparks operated the Tastee Freeze restaurant popular with weekend beach commuters in addition to teaching in Queen Anne's County schools for 30 years. Active with the Kent Island United Methodist Church, he established an annual dinner there for the high school graduating classes. He also was a member of Kent Island Lions Club, Kent Island Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Retired Teachers Association, Kent Island Heritage Society, Queen Anne's County Chamber of Commerce, and Stevensville High School Alumni Association, and served two terms on the county's Board of Election Supervisors. He is survived by his wife, Jane Golt Sparks '55, two children, one brother, and three grandchildren.

Ernest Forte "Sandy" Sandison '60, a former real estate agent, died on December 11, 1998, in Riverside, CA. A real estate agent for 20 years, he also owned the Vintage Shop, an antiques and collectibles shop in Riverside from 1982 until 1991. Honored by the city of Riverside in May 1998 for his volunteer activities while serving on the Cultural Heritage Board from 1989 until earlier in 1998, Mr. Sandison served on boards that protected restoration interests and himself acted as a how-to guide for the restoration of old houses where he portrayed characters in costume. Mr. Sandison is survived by a brother, Glenn of Washington, DC; a sister, Rosalie Sandison Wood of Mount Lebanon, PA; and two nephews.

Mary Brooke Godine '87, a preschool teacher in Cockeysville, MD, died of cancer on November 30, 1998. A 1982 graduate of Oldfields School, she attended WC before earning an associate's degree in education from Villa Julie College. She is survived by her parents, Ellen and Douglas Godine Sr. of Cockeysville; a brother, Douglas Godine Jr. of Baltimore; a sister, Kathy Phillips of Owings Mills; and an aunt, Linda Godine Long of Crownsville.

Alumni tennis stars Rachael Rice '92 and Peter Maller '90 pose with former coaches Holly Hutton Bramble '74 and Fred Wyman at the dedication of the Ellen Bordley Schottland '42 Tennis Center. Rachael Rice is the new Baltimore Alumni Chapter president.

State and will be posted at the U.S. Embassy in Amman for a two-year assignment. Karen is currently working as a computer systems analyst in both Baltimore and the Washington, DC area. They live in Arlington, VA, and can be reached at kevinsroland@yahoo.com.

JENNIFER WALDYCH
is engaged to Craig K. Ronald, Esq., a graduate of UVA '94 and University of Baltimore Law School '97. An October 1999 wedding is planned. Jennifer is an account executive for Shandwick International, an advertising and public relations firm. She lives in Fells Point, MD.

1997

JENNIFER HAMMER
is the program coordinator for the Center for Education Abroad at Beaver College in Glenside, PA.

ANDREW KING
sent "Greetings from Argentina! I have been able to do some fly-fishing in the Bariloche area which is in the Patagonia here in Argentina. I have traveled all over Argentina and I leave tomorrow to continue my travels in Brazil. I am flying to Sao Paulo and then hope to make my way to Presidente Prudente to visit Chris Kleberg '93."

JENNIFER RUENZEL
is teaching special education at East Lyme High and English at New London High in Connecticut. She is also working on her master's degree in special education and is coaching high school rowing. She may be reached at NDRCT@aol.com.

EBONI TAYLOR
moved to Delaware and is working with Crossroads Community, Inc.

Masters 1997

ROBERT HARRISON
joined Baltimore-based Catholic Charities as director of major and planned giving.

1998

Our First Reunion goal is 98 contributions to the Annual Fund. Last year 59 classmates gave. We need each of you to give again and to encourage a non-donor classmate to join in.

TODD BARTO
is a Satellite Engineer with Lockheed Martin Technical Operations in Greenbelt, MD, at the Goddard Space Flight Center. Contracted by NASA, he is on the Flight Operations Team for the Hubble Space Telescope where he is responsible for all of the day-to-day operations of the spacecraft. Todd can be reached via email by tbarto@hst.nasa.gov.

KIMBERLY A. CORDREY
is teaching at Lockermar Middle School in Denton, MD. She says "Professor O Connor prepared me well for eighth graders!"

BRADLEY CRATE
and Mike Gill '97 live in Hoboken, NJ. Bradley is a trader for Prudential Securities in their CD Department. Mike works for Lord and Taylor as a merchandise analyst.

ROBERT SAMUEL CRONIN
is enrolled at The Dickenson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

HENRIETTE GUELCE
lives in Delaware and is pursuing a master's degree in social work.

AMY HARTSOCK
is in her first year at the University of Maryland Baltimore at the University Hospital Center studying for a master's degree in physical therapy. She will graduate in 2001.

John Morrall '93 and Keith Whitelord '94 teamed up again for the Alumni baseball game last fall.

BRIGID KOLISH
is working in Congressman Mollohan's (D-WVA) office in Washington, DC, where she has been promoted from staff assistant to systems administrator.

PHYLLIS OODOYE
began a four-year program in August at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Pharmacy. She lives with her boyfriend Robert Bull.

1999

The Senior Class giving goal is 100% participation in the WC Fund and 100% employment and/or graduate school acceptance by Reunion 2000.

The brothers of Phi Delta Theta enjoyed a crab feast and fellowship at the Lelia Hyson Pavilion last September. Fraternity adviser Garry Clarke (lower left) and his wife Melissa Naul Clarke '75 joined in the carnage of blue crabs.

My George and Your George—Defining Success

by Barbara Pierce Bush

Barbara Bush, former First Lady, gave the following remarks upon receiving the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at Winter Convocation in January.

I'm sorry that my father isn't alive to see me receive this honorary degree I know I don't deserve but I graciously accept. Being invited to receive a degree with a renowned, Nobel-Prize winning scientist like Dr. James Watson—to say nothing of the greatest President in the world (whoops — forgot where I am—better make that the second-greatest President)—being here with these two distinguished leaders, I feel like the mule that was invited to run in the Kentucky Derby. I'm happy to be along for the ride, but I'm a little out of my league.

But George and I are pleased to be here with all of you at Washington College, and pleased, too, to help you kick-off this year-long celebration of George Washington's life. His surely was an extraordinary life, and it struck me that there are several similarities between your George and my George. For instance, both were war heroes, both served as President of the United States, and both are recognized for their integrity as men of true honor.

But as many of you know, only my George has jumped out of an airplane at 12,500 feet. George doesn't like me to mention his skydiving exploits because he thinks it's bragging. Well, I don't mention it to brag—I just think he's nuts.

Some of you may already be aware that the podium from which we are speaking with you today is a new one constructed from the historic Washington College Elm, which was so beloved it lives on as the namesake for your school paper. But because this is a new podium, I'm going to go easy on it by sharing just a few brief thoughts, particularly for the students.

The first is that you should go immediately to your teachers and administrators and thank them for the work they do everyday to help educate your minds. You should thank your lucky stars for the opportunities that you have, and that many others don't. As a longtime advocate of family literacy, I meet people everyday who struggle and sacrifice to learn how to read and who will tell you that you can't put a price on a good education. The opportunities you have here to learn from such dedicated people is a wonderful blessing, and I hope you are taking full advantage of it.

Second, value your friends. They are your most valuable asset.

Third, whatever you do, make sure you enjoy life. Life is supposed to have joy. It's supposed to be fun. When you decide to do something, you have a decision to make. You can either enjoy what you do, or hate it. I choose to love what I do, and recommend others do the same.

Fourth, I hope the students of Washington College will get involved in trying to help solve the big challenges of your day. Remember: The real satisfaction to work comes when we work for a cause that's bigger than ourselves. As my favorite President often says: "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include service to others." He's right.

One thing's certain: Here at Washington College, you have a wide variety of wonderful community service organization to choose from and to help out. Groups like Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Peer Educators, and certainly the Hands Out volunteer center. But my favorite organization has to be your B.U.S.H. group, Beautification Using Student Help, which works to keep your campus looking clean and pretty.

Finally, no matter how tough the going may get sometimes, never give up on yourself. Learn to persevere. Try to be like the missionary, who was sitting in a small corner restaurant reading a letter delivered from home. As she opened the letter, a crisp, new twenty-dollar bill caught her attention. Needless to say, she was pleasantly surprised, but as she read the letter, her eyes were distracted by the movement of a raggedly-dressed man on the sidewalk leaning against a light post in front of the building. She couldn't get his peculiar condition and stature off her mind. Thinking that he might have greater financial need than she might, she slipped the bill into an envelope on which she quickly penned, 'PERSEVERE.' Leaving the restaurant, she nonchalantly dropped the envelope at the stranger's feet. Turning slowly, he picked it up, read it, watched the woman walk away, and smiled as he tipped his hat and went his way. The next day walking down the street, she felt a tap on her shoulder. She found the same shabbily-dressed man smiling as he handed her a roll of bills. When she asked what they were for, he replied: 'That's the money you won, lady. Persevere paid five to one!

I can't guarantee rewards, only a successful fruitful life.

Thank you, again, for this degree which I will treasure. Good luck to you all.

April 10
Alumni Council and Visiting Committee on campus

Girls' Youth Lacrosse Day prior to women's game between WC and Dickinson; Spring Fling Girls' AAU Basketball Tournament; Maryland Collegiate Championship Rowing, Alumni Crew Races and Riverside Supper, Lelia Hynson Boating Pavilion

April 11
Washington College Jazz Band, Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

April 16
Washington College Community Chorus Concert, Casey Academic Center Gallery, 4:30 p.m.

April 17
Meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors

April 18
Washington College Early Music Consort Concert, Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

April 22
Symposium on Women and Work, Hynson Lounge, 7 p.m.

April 25
Washington College Concert Band, Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

April 28
Student Recital, Norman James Theatre, 8 p.m.

April 30
Anthony John Clarke, Irish singer-songwriter, Casey Academic Center Forum, 4:30 p.m.

Student Art Show Opening, Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center, 4-6 p.m.

May 1
Boys' Youth Lacrosse Day prior to men's game between WC and Salisbury State

May 3
Washington College Concert Series presents Magnificat, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

May 9
Washington College Vocal Consort performs Evensong Mass at The National Cathedral, 3:30 p.m. The National Capital Area Alumni will host a reception immediately following.

May 19
Retirement party for Nancy Tatum, Ernest A. Howard Professor of English Literature. Hynson-Ringgold House, 3:30 p.m.

May 20-23
Reunion/Commencement Weekend

June 12
Mardel Alumni Chapter, Shorebirds Baseball, Salisbury, MD

Sports Camps

June 10-14
Washington College Boys' Lacrosse Day Camp at Worton Park. Phone 410-778-7230.

June 18-20
Washington College Boys' Team Basketball Camp. Phone 410-778-7228.

June 20-24
Washington College Swim Camp. Phone 410-778-7241.

June 20-23
Point Blank Lacrosse Goalie Camp for Girls, directed by Kim Chorosiewski. Phone Bryan Matthews at 410-810-0810.

June 27-July 1
Washington College Girls' Basketball Camp. Phone 410-778-7209.

June 27-July 1
Washington College Boys' Soccer Camp. Phone 410-778-7240.

June 28-July 2
Washington College Boys' Basketball Day Camp. Phone 410-778-7209.

July 5-8
Point Blank Lacrosse Goalie Camp for Boys, directed by Charlie Toomey. Phone Bryan Matthews at 410-810-0810.

July 8-11
Attack/Defense Challenge Lacrosse Camp for Boys, directed by Dave Pietramala. Phone Bryan Matthews at 410-810-0810.

July 11-15
Washington College Lacrosse Camp for Girls, directed by Eleanor Shriver. Phone Bryan Matthews at 410-810-0810.

July 16-18
Washington College Girls' Basketball Team Camp. Phone 410-778-7209.

July 18-22
Washington College Boys' Team Lacrosse Camp for eighth- and ninth-graders. Phone 410-778-7230.

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meet Leslie Westbrook Frigerio and Paolo Frigerio

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Active in the College's Friends of the Arts, Leslie Westbrook Frigerio hopes to offer additional inspiration to each art student aided by the Elizabeth Tate Westbrook Scholarship.

HOMES:
Easton, Maryland, and Milan, Italy

GIVING LEVEL:
Alonzo G. Decker Society

PROFILE:
Leslie and Paolo's interests span the two continents native to each. Leslie, formerly with Procter & Gamble, is a marketing consultant to corporations such as Johnson & Johnson family companies, Merck Pharmaceutical, Sara Lee Corporation and Hershey Foods. Paolo is an Italian manufacturer of arms and weaponry replicas that are sold in 35 countries. Together, they were appointed by the Mayor of Milan to establish a City Model for beautification. Settling on the Eastern Shore in 1996 to facilitate access to Europe and the concentration of Leslie's clients on the East Coast, Leslie and Paolo found a new home amidst the beauty and tranquility of the Tred Avon River and discovered Chestertown as an ideal place to pursue cultural and civic interests.

LESLIE'S DREAM:
"My mother died prematurely at the age of 41. She was an artist who never fully realized her dreams or talents. To honor her memory, I wanted to establish a scholarship in her name. My wish is to offer support to a deserving student who has a dream to pursue art. I have seen how the arts can keep alive the human spirit in this high tech/supersonic-paced world today. I want to fan the passion of that spirit with financial help."

ON GIVING:
"What we have found in Chestertown and at Washington College is extraordinary. There is a real sense of community. We have found the programs, the mission and vision, the commitments to be of the highest standards and with a lot of heart. It was an easy decision to cast my dreams this way. I have in a short time developed an affection for the College and the people I have met, and I want to be involved, to do more than write a check."